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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/234 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the same period.

Expenditures for the period totalled $48,092,000 gross ($46,515,000 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from lower catering costs under rations for military contingents, civilian vacancies, cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq for a fixed-wing aircraft and reduced requirements under communications and supplies and services.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNIKOM is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) was established by the Security Council in accordance with its resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991. In its resolution 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, the Council decided to review the question of the termination or continuation of UNIKOM, as well as its modalities of operation, every six months. The latest review was on 7 October 1998, and the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the Council concurred with the recommendation to maintain UNIKOM and would review the question once again by 7 April 1999 (S/1998/925).

2. The budget for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 5 March 1997 (A/51/658/Add.2) and amounted to $50,653,000 gross ($48,600,100 net). It provided for the maintenance of 195 military observers and 903 troops (775 infantry and 128 support personnel), supported by 72 international staff and 166 locally recruited staff. The budget also included provision for operational costs and related requirements. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 27 of its report of 4 April 1997 (A/51/683/Add.1), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate an amount of $49,535,400 gross ($47,647,200 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

3. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/234 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of $1,952,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations. Taking into account the two-thirds share of the net amount, equivalent to $33,066,200, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, an amount of $18,421,300 gross ($16,533,100 net) has been assessed on Member States.

II. Implementation of the budget

4. The UNIKOM concept of operations during the period was based on a combination of patrol and observation bases, observation points, ground and air patrols, investigation teams and liaison with the parties at all levels.

5. The situation in the demilitarized zone during the period remained generally calm. Detailed information on the operations of UNIKOM and on the situation on the ground during the period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 24 September 1997 (S/1997/740), 25 March 1998 (S/1998/269) and 24 September 1998 (S/1998/889).

6. The operational requirements of the Mission were met during the financial period under review and there were accordingly no operational reasons for shortcomings or slippage during implementation of the approved budget.

7. All projects included in the approved budget for the financial year 1997–1998 were implemented in the course of the year.

8. The unutilized balance was attributable, to a large extent, to personnel costs, both military and civilian. Insofar as the military personnel are concerned, the unutilized balance was the result of a combination of factors such as travel, rations and welfare.

9. With regard to civilian personnel costs, the unutilized balance accrued across the board, namely, in salaries, common staff costs and mission subsistence allowances, owing

to a higher than anticipated vacancy rate, especially for international staff. Support for the Mission's operations was fully met and the staff shortages impacted only on the civilian staff themselves, who were obliged to absorb the duties that should have been assigned to incumbents of the unplanned vacancies.

10. Savings in most other areas were attributable either to the cost of goods and services being less than anticipated, or to demands for repairs, maintenance or replacement of damaged/obsolete assets being more modest than had been expected at the time the cost estimates were prepared.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

11. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $48,092,000 gross ($46,515,000 net), inclusive of $15,967,800 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 7 per cent of the amount appropriated.

12. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by major budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Charts showing the planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel and the apportionment and expenditures by main budget groups are presented in annexes III and IV, respectively.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	25 463.6	24 598.8	864.8
Civilian personnel costs	12 949.4	11 017.4	1 932.0
Operational costs	9 214.2	8 256.2	958.0
Other programmes	20.0	11.3	8.7
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	—	679.2	(679.2)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 952.1	1 952.1	0.0
Staff assessment	1 888.2	1 577.0	311.2
Total	**51 487.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
Income from staff assessment	(1 888.2)	(1 577.0)	(311.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—
Gross requirements	**51 487.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
Net requirements	**49 599.3**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
Total resources	**49 599.3**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**

[a] Includes an amount of $15,967,800 in unliquidated obligations.

13. Information on the deployment of military observers and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 below and detailed in annexes II and III to the present report.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	195 [a]	196	—
Military contingents	903	896	1
Civilian police	—	—	—
International staff	72	56	22
Local staff	166	147	11
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—

[a] While authorized strength by the Security Council remains at 300, budgetary provision was made for 195.

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

14. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNIKOM is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.**

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	7 215.6	-	7 055.8	159.8
2. Military contingents	16 298.9	-	15 549.8	749.1
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	1 629.1	-	1 673.2	(44.1)
(b) Death and disability compensation	320.0	-	320.0	-
Subtotal, line 3	1 949.1	-	1 993.2	(44.1)
Total, category I	**25 463.6**	-	**24 598.8**	**864.8**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	-	-	-	-
2. International and local staff	12 949.4	-	11 017.4	1 932.0
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**12 949.4**	-	**11 017.4**	**1 932.0**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 047.4	404.5	853.5	193.9
2. Infrastructure repairs	60.0	52.0	52.0	8.0
3. Transport operations	2 232.3	566.4	2 277.7	(45.4)
4. Air operations	3 087.3	-	2 856.2	231.1
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	862.5	435.8	668.9	193.6
7. Other equipment	456.3	50.8	385.2	71.1
8. Supplies and services	1 368.4	-	1 104.4	264.0
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	-
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	100.0	-	58.3	41.7
Subtotal, line 9	**100.0**	-	**58.3**	**41.7**
Total, category III	**9 214.2**	**1 509.5**	**8 256.2**	**958.0**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	-	-	-	-
3. Training programmes	10.0	-	11.3	(1.3)
4. Mine-clearing programmes	10.0	-	-	10.0
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**20.0**	**-**	**11.3**	**8.7**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	679.2	(679.2)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 952.1	-	1 952.1	-
VII. Staff assessment	1 888.2	-	1 577.0	311.2
Total, categories I-VII	**51 487.5**	**1 509.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
VIII Income from staff assessment	(1 888.2)	-	(1 577.0)	(311.2)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII and IX	**(1 888.2)**	**-**	**(1 577.0)**	**(311.2)**
Gross requirements	51 487.5	1 509.5	48 092.0	3 395.5
Net requirements	49 599.3	1 509.5	46 515.0	3 084.3
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total resources	**49 599.3**	**1 509.5**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $25,463,600; expenditure: $24,598,800; variance: $864,800

1. The unutilized balance of $864,800 under the military observers ($159,800) and military contingents ($749,100) budget line items, were offset in part by additional requirements under contingent-owned equipment ($44,100). Savings under military observers were due to leave taken by military observers for which mission subsistence allowance was not accrued and lower-than-anticipated travel costs. Savings under military contingents were due to lower catering costs under rations and utilization of less expensive air charter contracts for the emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $12,949,400; expenditure: $11,017,400; variance: $1,932,000

2. The unutilized balance of $1,932,000 under international and local staff costs was attributable to an average monthly vacancy rate of 15 per cent for both categories of staff. While provision was made for 72 international staff inclusive of a 10 per cent vacancy factor, the actual monthly strength averaged 56, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 22 per cent. With regard to local staff, the average monthly strength was 147 against the 166 authorized posts, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 11 per cent compared to a revised 10 per cent vacancy factor applied to the budget.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $9,214,200; expenditure: $8,256,200; variance: $958,000

3. The unutilized balance of $958,000 under this heading resulted from the reduced requirements totalling $1,003,400 under premises/accommodation ($193,900), infrastructure repairs ($8,000), air operations ($231,100), communications ($193,600), other equipment ($71,100), supplies and services ($264,000), and air and surface freight ($41,700), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $45,400 under transport operations.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $1,047,400; expenditure: $853,500; variance: $193,900

4. The unutilized balance of $193,900 under premises/accommodation was mainly attributable to charging the costs of fuel for generators to petrol, oil and lubricants, under transportation; lower-than-anticipated requirements under maintenance services; and savings under construction/prefabricated buildings.

Infrastructure repairs

Apportionment: $60,000; expenditure: $52,000; variance: $8,000

5. The unutilized balance of $8,000 under upgrading of roads was due to the cancellation of some planned projects.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $2,232,300; expenditure: $2,277,700; variance: ($45,400)

6. Additional requirements of $45,400 under transport operations were attributable to the additional requirements under petrol, oil and lubricants as a result of the cost for diesel fuel for generators being charged under this line item, as stated in paragraph 4 above, as well as higher actual costs for vehicle insurance. The additional requirements were offset by the unutilized balance under purchase of vehicles resulting from the lower unit costs of vehicles purchased under the system contract and lower-than-estimated costs under workshop equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $3,087,300; expenditure: $2,856,200; variance: $231,100

7. The unutilized balance of $231,100 was attributable to reduced requirements under fixed-wing aircraft owing to the cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, non-utilization of the provision under air crew subsistence allowance owing to the inclusion of the cost in the contract and lower-than-anticipated requirements under landing fees and ground handling. The savings were offset in part by additional requirements under helicopter operations resulting from higher-than-anticipated hire/charter costs upon the renewal of the contract as of 15 September 1997.

Communications

Apportionment: $862,500; expenditure: $668,900; variance: $193,600

8. The unutilized balance of $193,600 resulted from the reduction in procurement of communications equipment, and lower-than-anticipated requirements under spare parts and supplies, workshop and test equipment, and commercial communications.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $456,300; expenditure: $385,200; variance: $71,100

9. The unutilized balance of $71,100 under other equipment was attributable to lower-than-anticipated requirements under office furniture, accommodation equipment, miscellaneous equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance. Also contributing to the savings were actual lower unit costs of data-processing equipment and non-replacement of obsolete observation equipment.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $1,368,400; expenditure: $1,104,400; variance: $264,000

10. The unutilized balance of $264,000 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services and miscellaneous supplies.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $100,000; expenditure: $58,300; variance: $41,700

11. The unutilized balance of $41,700 was due to lower-than-anticipated requirements under the line item.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $20,000; expenditure: $11,300; variance: $8,700

12. The unutilized balance of $8,700 was attributable to non-utilization of funds under mine-clearing programmes, which was offset in part by additional requirements under training programmes.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $679,200; variance: ($679,200)

13. The expenditure of $679,200 represents the UNIKOM prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, based on General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $1,888,200; expenditure: $1,577,000; variance: $311,200

14. The unutilized balance of $311,200 was due to a higher-than-anticipated vacancy rate, as stated in paragraph 2 above.

Income from staff assessment

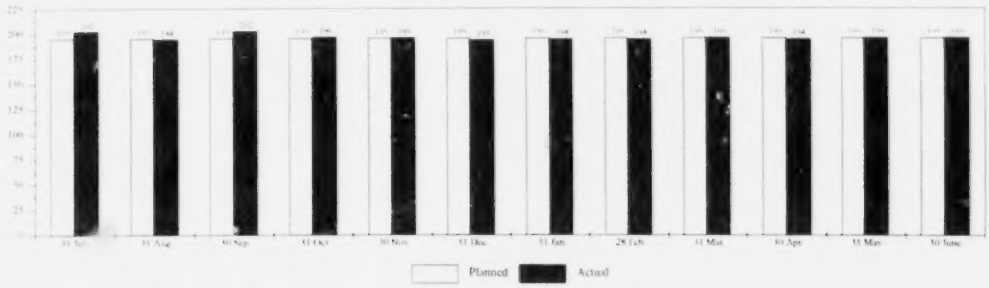
Apportionment: ($1,888,200); expenditure: ($1,577,000); variance: ($311,200)

15. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 14).

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



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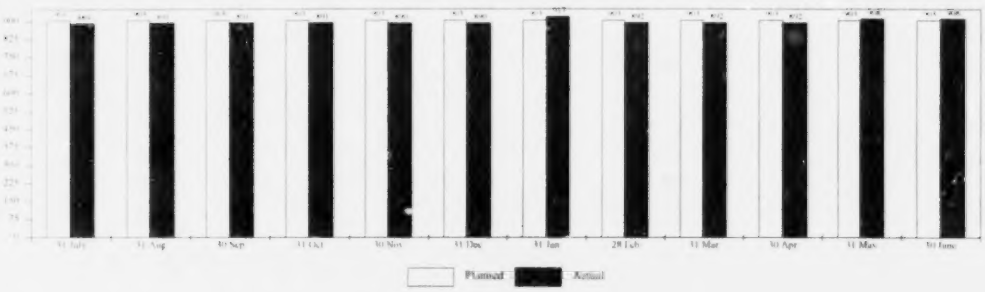

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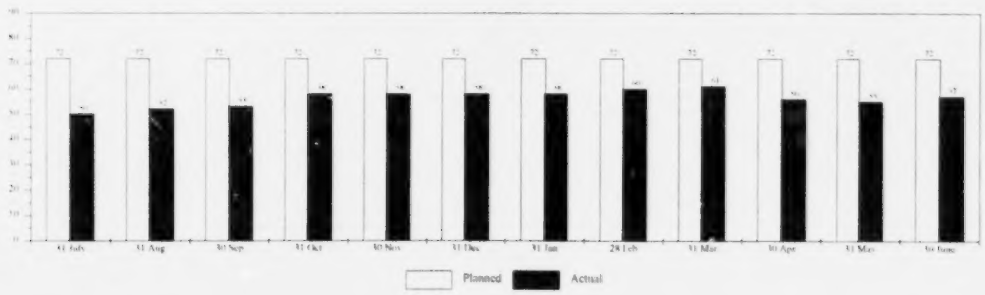

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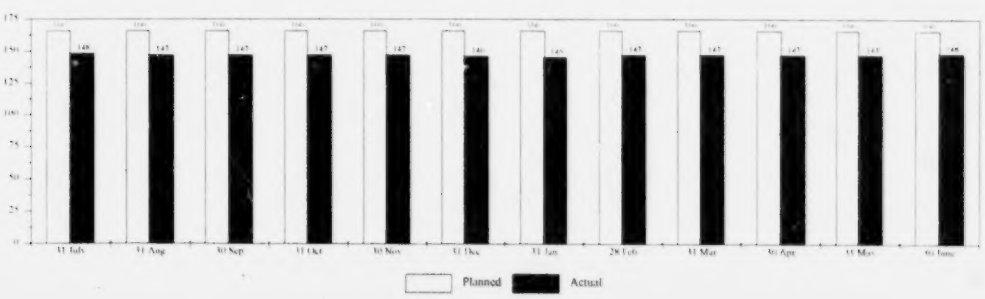
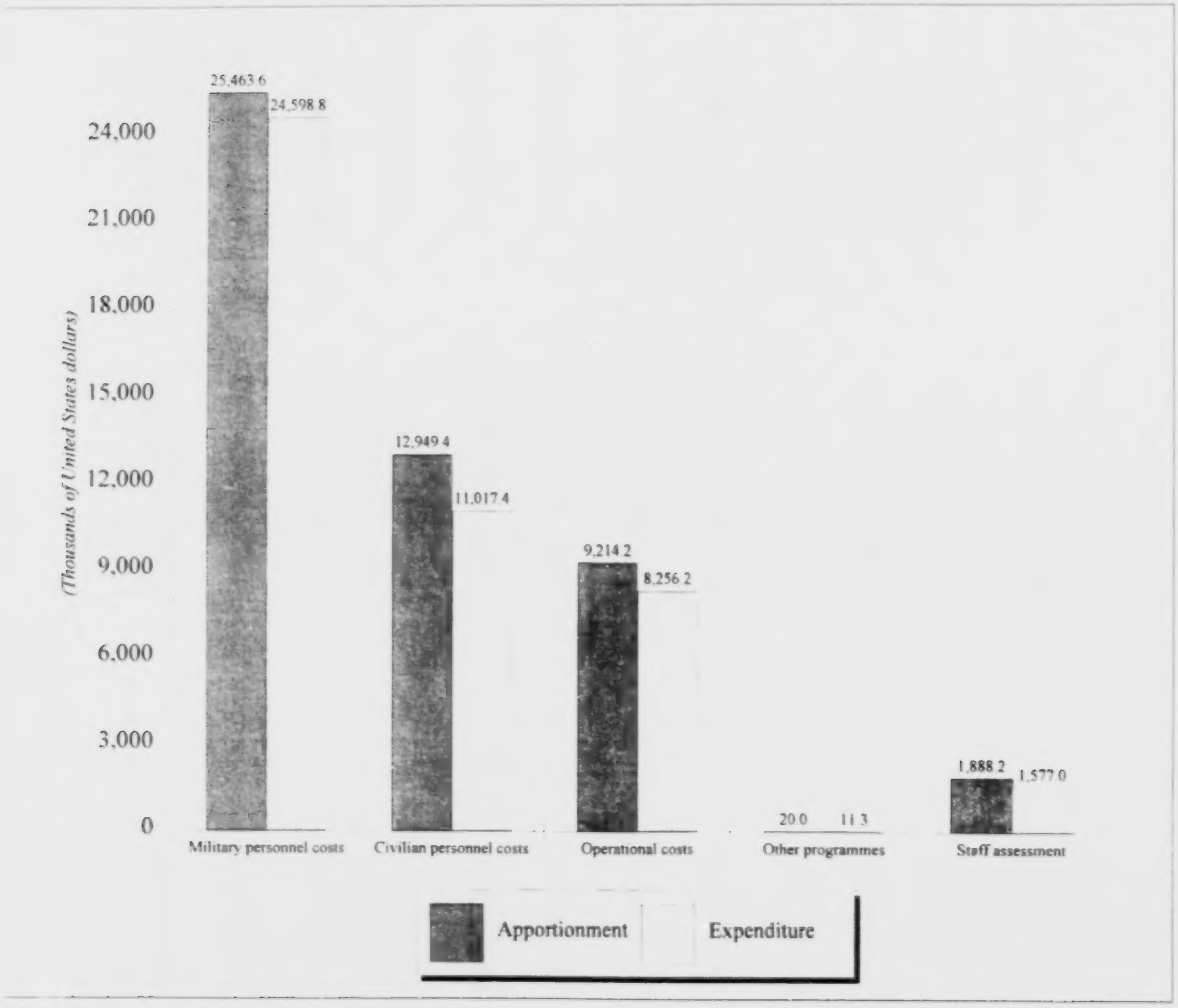


Annex IV

Apportionment and expenditure for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/235 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP, including $1,939,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and an amount of $1,131,000 for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993.

Expenditure for the period amounted to $47,822,300 gross ($45,871,500 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net). The unencumbered balance resulted from slightly lower military personnel costs due to lower actual number of military personnel in the mission area and lower operational cost requirements under infrastructure repairs, transport operations and communications.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Force is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964. The Force's mandate has been extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 1217 (1998) of 22 December 1998, by which it extended the mandate of UNFICYP to 30 June 1999.

2. The budget for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 5 February 1997 (A/51/755/Add.1) and amounted to $50,320,400 gross ($48,180,600 net). It provided for the maintenance of up to 1,230 contingent personnel, 35 civilian police monitors, 45 international and 307 locally recruited staff. Provision of $5,284,000 was also made for the United Nations share of termination payment due to locally employed civilians. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraphs 37 and 44 of its report dated 3 April 1997 (A/51/851 and Corr.1) indicated that the actual amount to be approved by the General Assembly would depend on the decision it took on the financing of separation payments for locally employed civilians, bearing in mind that UNFICYP was funded on a voluntary basis prior to 16 June 1993.

3. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/235 of 13 June 1997, appropriated the amount of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of $1,939,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and an amount of $1,131,000 for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993. By the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the Force to enable the United Nations to meet its remaining obligations with respect to the locally employed civilian staff. The General Assembly also noted the agreement of the Government of Greece to earmark, on an ad hoc basis, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, an amount of $2,768,667 from its annual voluntary contribution of $6.5 million to the Force, for this purpose. The Government of Cyprus provided, on an ad hoc basis, the remaining balance of $1,384,333 with respect to termination benefits of locally employed civilian staff. Taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to $15,292,600 by the Government of Cyprus and of $6,500,000 by the Government of Greece (inclusive of the amount of $2,768,667 earmarked for separation payment for locally employed civilians), the amount of $28,976,867 gross ($26,853,867 net) has been assessed on Member States.

II. Implementation of the budget

4. Information on the operations of UNFICYP and on the situation on the ground during the reporting period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 8 December 1997 (S/1997/962) and 10 June 1998 (S/1998/488 and Add.1).

5. As part of a restructuring and downsizing effort, UNFICYP maintained a freeze on recruitment during the period in order to reduce staffing levels by attrition. As a result of that exercise, 86 local posts were abolished effective from 1 July 1998. During the reporting period, the average vacancy rate of 5.2 per cent for international staff and 6.9 per cent for locally recruited staff involved realignment in the scope and scale of general administrative

support provided, but did not have an adverse impact on the carrying out of the Security Council mandate nor on the Force's operations. This was achieved by extended working hours and additional functions undertaken by the staff to ensure completion of all required tasks.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

6. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditure amounted to $47,822,300 gross ($45,871,500 net), inclusive of $16,521,800 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 0.4 per cent of the amount appropriated. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Additionally, paragraphs 4 and 9 of annex II contain information on the unforeseen expenditures in connection with the construction of the rations warehouse and the acquisition of data-processing equipment. Annex IV contains a chart showing apportionment and expenditure by main budget groups.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	23 608.0	23 483.9	124.1
Civilian personnel costs	11 297.8	11 601.2	(303.4)
Operational costs	9 007.9	8 177.0	830.9
Other programmes	25.0	15.4	9.6
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	0.0	654.9	(654.9)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 939.1	1 939.1	0.0
Staff assessment	2 123.0	1 950.8	172.2
Total	**48 000.8**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
Income from staff assessment	(2 123.0)	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)			0.0
Net requirements	**45 877.8**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)			0.0
Total resources	**45 877.8**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**

[a] Includes an amount of $16,521,800 in unliquidated obligations.

7. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 below and detailed in annexes II and III to the present report.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military contingents	1 230	1 225	0.4
Civilian police	35	35	0.4
International staff	44	42	5.2
Local staff	307	287	6.9

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

8. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNFICYP is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.**

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)*	*(4) = (1-3)*
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditure*	*Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	-	-	-	-
2. Military contingents	21 954.0	-	21 843.4	110.6
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	1 454.0	-	1 440.5	13.5
(b) Death and disability compensation	200.0	-	200.0	-
Subtotal, line 3	1 654.0	-	1 640.5	13.5
Total, Category I	**23 608.0**	**-**	**23 483.9**	**124.1**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	351.3	-	234.6	116.7
2. International and local staff	10 946.5	49.9	11 366.6	(420.1)
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, Category II	**11 297.8**	**49.9**	**11 601.2**	**(303.4)**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 319.3	243.2	1 415.4	(96.1)
2. Infrastructure repairs	400.0	-	25.0	375.0
3. Transport operations	2 040.7	716.6	1 798.1	242.6
4. Air operations	1 060.6	-	978.2	82.4
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	810.0	628.0	628.0	182.0
7. Other equipment	648.0	599.3	599.3	48.7
8. Supplies and services	2 702.3	1 178.0	2 591.0	111.3
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	45.6	45.6	(45.6)
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	27.0	96.4	96.4	(69.4)
Subtotal, line 9	**27.0**	**142.0**	**142.0**	**(115.0)**
Total, Category III	**9 007.9**	**3 507.1**	**8 177.0**	**830.9**

	(1) *Apportionment*	*(2)* *Non-recurrent expenditure*	*(3)* *Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)*	*(4) = (1-3)* *Variance*
IV. Other programmes	-	-	-	-
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	25.0	15.4	15.4	9.6
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	**25.0**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**9.6**
Total, Category IV	-	-	654.9	(654.9)
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	1 939.1	-	1 939.1	-
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	2 123.0	-	1 950.8	172.2
VII. Staff assessment	**48 000.8**	**3 572.4**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
Total, Categories I - VII	(2 123.0)	-	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
VIII Income from staff assessment	-	-	-	-
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	**(2 123.0)**	-	**(1 950.8)**	**(172.2)**
Total, categories VIII and IX	45 877.8	3 358.9	**45 871.5**	6.3
Net requirements	-	-	-	-
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	**45 877.8**	**3 358.9**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**
TOTAL RESOURCES				

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $23,608,000; expenditure: $23,483,900; variance: $124,100

1. The unutilized balance of $124,100 under military contingents ($110,600) and contingent-owned equipment ($13,500) budget line items was attributable to the implementation of new contracts with ration providers at more favourable rates than previous contracts; non-utilization of combat rations for which provision was made following the August 1996 events in the Buffer Zone and the lower actual troop strength of 1,225, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 0.4 per cent. The unutilized balance was partially offset by additional requirements under emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops due to the additional rotation of the one contingent in accordance with national legislation for which budgetary provision had not been made.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $11,297,800; expenditure: $11,601,200; variance: ($303,400)

2. Additional requirements of $303,400 under this heading resulted from the unutilized balance of $116,700 under civilian police costs offset by additional requirements of $420,100 under international and local staff. Although there were average monthly vacancy rates of 4.9 per cent for international staff and 6.9 per cent for local staff (see annex III to the present report), additional requirements under local staff salaries and common staff costs were necessary due to the unforeseen retroactive increase of 12.5 per cent in local staff salaries effective from 1 January 1997.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $9,007,900; expenditure: $8,177,000; variance: $830,900

3. The unutilized balance of $830,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $1,042,000 under infrastructure repairs ($375,000), transport operations ($242,600), air operations ($82,400), communications ($182,000), other equipment ($48,700) and supplies and services ($111,300). These savings were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $211,100 under premises/accommodation ($96,100) and air and surface freight ($115,000).

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $1,319,300; expenditure: $1,415,400; variance: ($96,100)

4. Additional requirements of $96,100 resulted from unforeseen expenditures incurred for the construction of the rations warehouse on the United Nations protected area grounds ($137,000), as recommended by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, offset by some savings under utilities. The warehouse project was intended to improve control and monitoring of rations storage, distribution and consumption.

Infrastructure repairs

Apportionment: $400,000; expenditure: $25,000; variance: $375,000

5. The unutilized balance of $375,000 was due to the relatively mild winter and dry conditions experienced in Cyprus during the period under review, resulting in only minor maintenance requirements of the gravel surface of the patrol track.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $2,040,700; expenditure: $1,798,100; variance:$242,600

6. The unutilized balance of $242,600 was the result of: (a) lower actual unit costs of vehicles purchased than that budgeted for; (b) lower actual cost of the rental of vehicles and insurance and vehicle spare parts, petrol and lubricants; (c) a new and more favourable contract for provision of fuel from the northern part of the island ($0.49 per litre for petrol and $0.33 per litre for diesel, as compared with the budgeted ratio of $0.581 for the petrol and $0.37 for the diesel); and (d) replacement of petrol-powered contingent-owned vehicles which were written off during the period by diesel-powered commercially hired vehicles.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,060,600; expenditure: $978,200; variance: $82,400

7. The unutilized balance of $82,400 under hire/charter costs ($100,800) and aviation fuel and lubricants ($3,400) was partially offset by an additional requirement of $21,800 due to a higher actual cost of obtaining liability and war-risk insurance. The reported savings were attributable to tight control over utilization of flying hours during the period. While the budgetary provision was based on 1,200 flying hours, the actual hours flown were 1,079. In addition, actual fuel consumption averaged 90 litres per hour, as compared with the budget estimate of 95 litres per hour.

Communications

Apportionment: $810,000; expenditure: $628,000; variance: $182,000

8. The overall savings of $182,000 for the period were due to lower costs of spare parts and workshop equipment obtained through local competitive bidding and reduced charges for commercial communications, arising from strict control over telephone usage, introduction of a log procedure and a reduction in the number of telephone lines.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $648,000; expenditure: $599,300; variance: $48,700

9. The unutilized balance of $48,700 under other equipment was attributable to savings realized under observation equipment, miscellaneous equipment and freight for generators. Out of 5 night observation devices and 20 binoculars projected for replacement, 3 night observation devices and 18 binoculars were repaired by specialized technicians from the British Forces Cyprus at no cost to the United Nations. In addition 50 air-conditioners and other miscellaneous equipment were received from the United Nations Logistics Base. These savings were partially offset by additional requirements under data-processing equipment to implement a project to upgrade the existing UNFICYP electronic data-processing system in order to make it compatible with hardware and software used at Headquarters. This also permitted successful implementation of the field assets control system in UNFICYP in August 1997.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $2,702,300; expenditure: $2,591,000; variance: $111,300

10. The unutilized balance of $111,300 under this heading resulted from savings totalling $198,400 under (a) contractual services, owing to the decrease in the costs of laundry and dry-cleaning services in the southern part of the island provided by a new contractor as from 1 January 1998, as well as the decrease in the cost of --haircutting and tailoring services, obtained through competitive bidding; (b) medical treatment and services, due to the lower number of incidents of serious illnesses during the reporting period; and (c) uniforms, flags and decals, field defence stores and other supplies, due to economy and efficiency measures introduced in UNFICYP, including regular inventories of the existing stocks of operational supplies, strict control over requirements and receipt of consignment of defence stores from the Logistics Base in Brindisi. These unutilized balances were partially offset by additional requirements of $87,100 under miscellaneous services due to non-provision of funds for bank charges and higher actual monthly costs of other miscellaneous services, including advertisements.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $27,000; expenditure: $142,000; variance: ($115,000)

11. The additional requirements of $115,000 were due to unbudgeted expenses incurred in connection with repatriation of nine contingent-owned obsolete armoured personnel carriers to Argentina ($45,600); and additional freight cost requirements for goods received from the Logistics Base and ex-missions ($69,400).

Other programmes

Training programmes

Apportionment: $25,000; expenditure: $15,400; variance: $9,600

12. The unutilized balance of $9,600 was due to the lower than estimated cost of communications training courses undertaken by UNFICYP local staff.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $654,900; variance: ($654,900)

13. The expenditure of $654,900 represents the Force's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, based on General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $2,123,000; expenditure: $1,950,800; variance: $172,200

14. The unutilized balance of $172,200 was due to vacancies in international and local staff during the period.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($2,123,000); expenditure: ($1,950,800); variance: ($172,200)

15. This amount is derived from the previous section.

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

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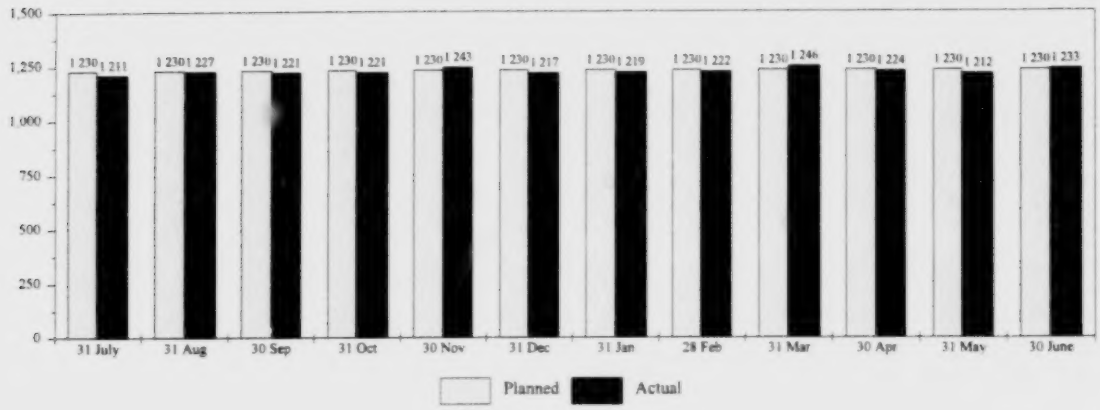

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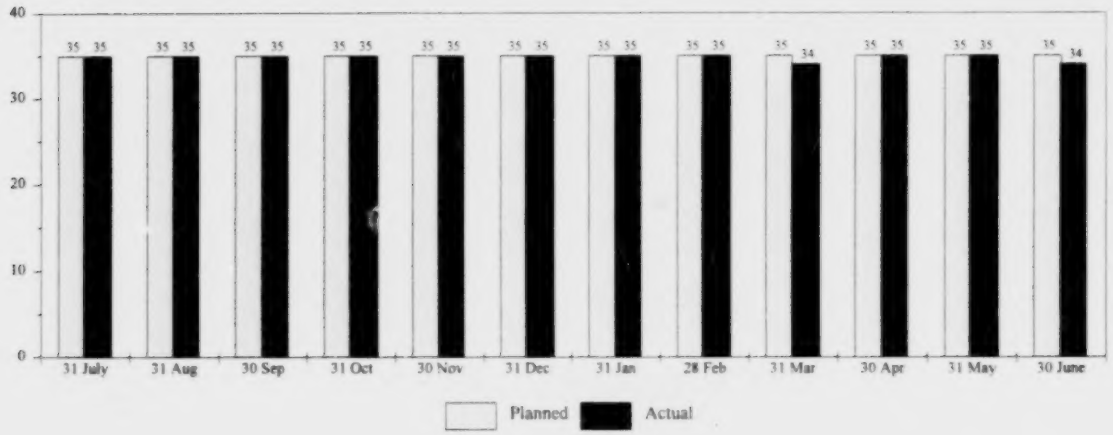

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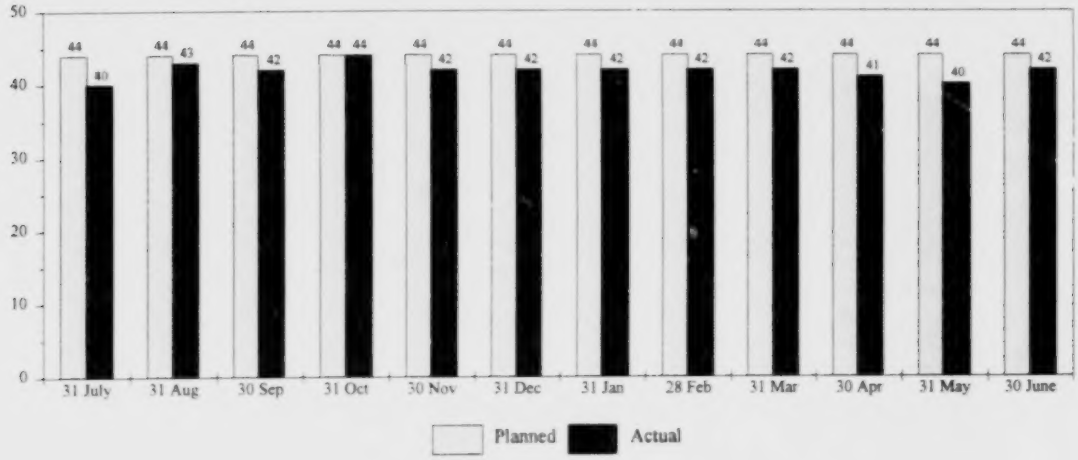

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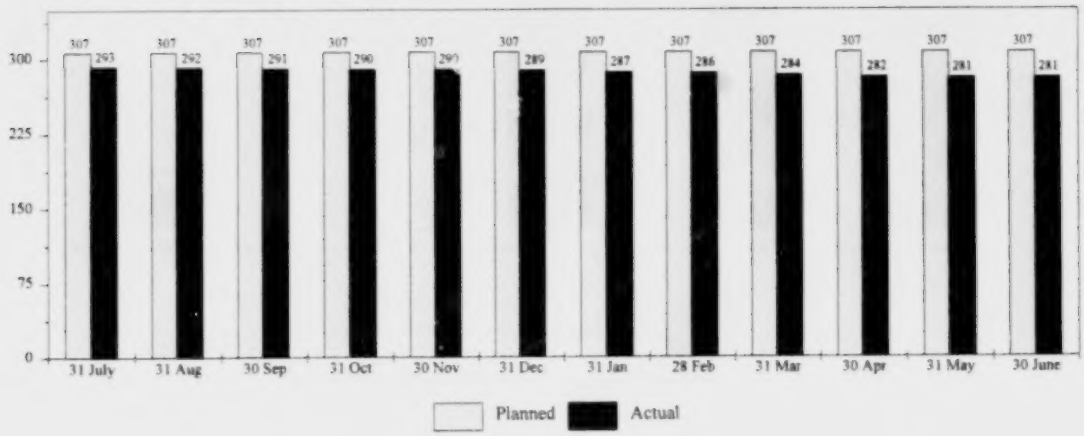

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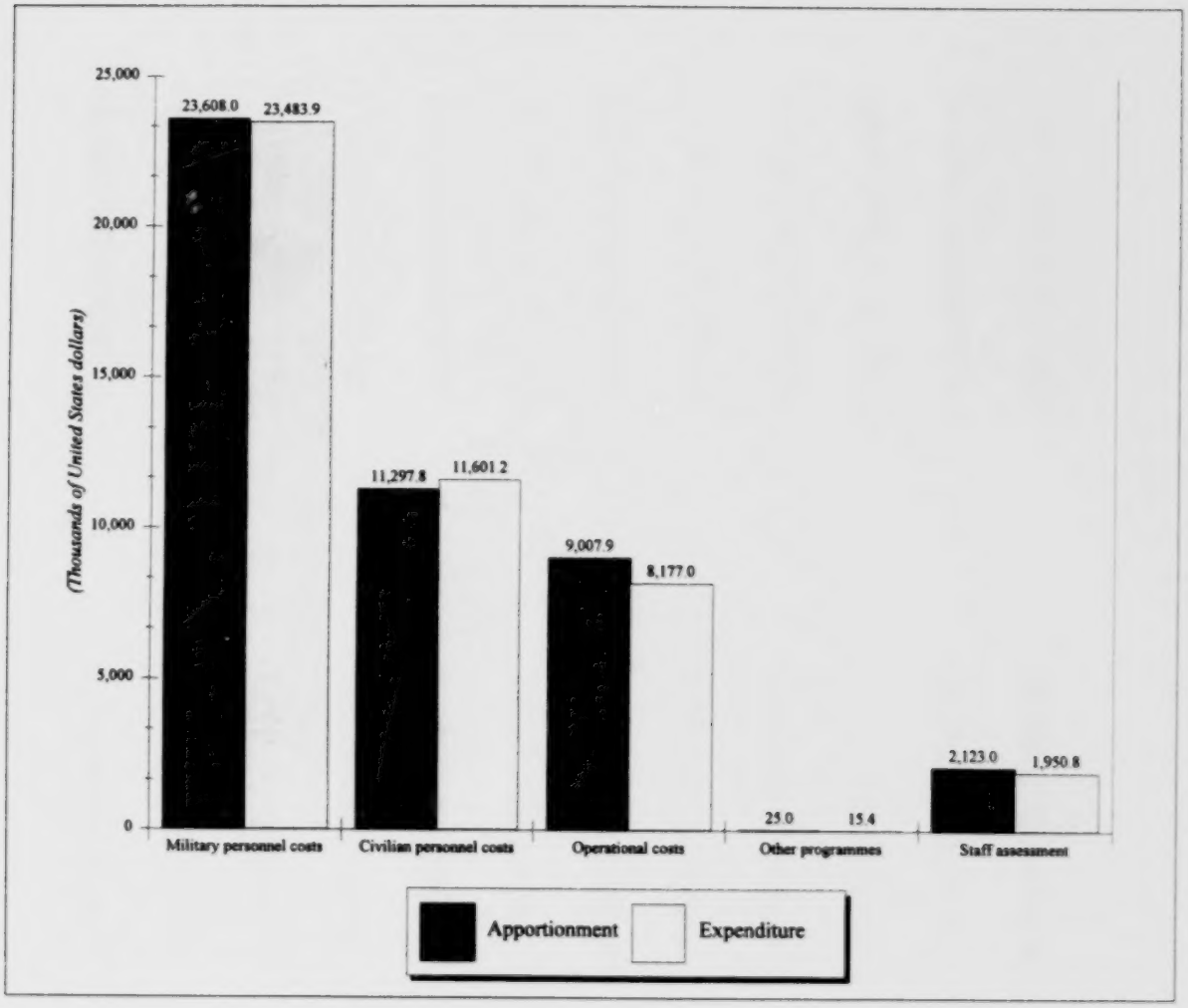
Apportionment and expenditure for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Corrigendum

1. **Page 1, summary, first paragraph**

   After the last sentence *add*

   In addition, pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 51/235, voluntary contributions from two Member States amounting to $4,153,000 were received, providing additional funds for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilian staff.

2. **Page 4**

   Replace table 1 with the following:

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Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

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Civilian personnel costs	11,297.8	11,601.2	(303.4)
Operational costs	9,007.9	8,177.0	830.9
Other programmes	25.0	15.4	9.6
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	0.0	654.9	(654.9)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1,939.1	1,939.1	0.0
Staff assessment	2,123.0	1,950.8	172.2
Total	**48,000.8**	**47,822.3**	**178.5**
Income from staff assessment	(2,123.0)	(1,950.8)	(172.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)			0.0
Net requirements	**45,877.8**	**45,871.5**	**6.3**
Voluntary contributions (non-budgeted)	4 153.0	4 153.0	0.0
Total resources	**50 030.8**	**50 024.5**	**6.3**

[a] Includes an amount of $16,521,800 in unliquidated obligations.

3. **Page 6**

Replace annex I with the following:

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1) Apportionment	(2) Non-recurrent expenditure	(3) Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)	(4) = (1-3) Variance
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	-	-	-	-
2. Military contingents	21 954.0	-	21 843.4	110.6
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	1 454.0	-	1 440.5	13.5
(b) Death and disability compensation	200.0	-	200.0	-
Subtotal, line 3	1 654.0	-	1 640.5	13.5
Total, category I	**23 608.0**	**-**	**23 483.9**	**124.1**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	351.3	-	234.6	116.7
2. International and local staff	10 946.5	49.9	11 366.6	(420.1)
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**11 297.8**	**49.9**	**11 601.2**	**(303.4)**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 319.3	243.2	1 415.4	(96.1)
2. Infrastructure repairs	400.0	-	25.0	375.0
3. Transport operations	2 040.7	716.6	1 798.1	242.6
4. Air operations	1 060.6	-	978.2	82.4
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6. Communications	810.0	414.5	628.0	182.0
7. Other equipment	648.0	599.3	599.3	48.7
8. Supplies and services	2 702.3	1 178.0	2 591.0	111.3
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	45.6	45.6	(45.6)
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	27.0	96.4	96.4	(69.4)
Subtotal, line 9	**27.0**	**142.0**	**142.0**	**(115.0)**
Total, category III	**9 007.9**	**3 293.6**	**8 177.0**	**830.9**

	(1) Apportionment	(2) Non-recurrent expenditure	(3) Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)	(4) = (1-3) Variance
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	-	-	-	-
3. Training programmes	25.0	15.4	15.4	9.6
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**25.0**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**9.6**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	654.9	(654.9)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 939.1	-	1 939.1	-
VII. Staff assessment	2 123.0	-	1 950.8	172.2
Total, categories I–VII	**48 000.8**	**3 358.9**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(2 123.0)	-	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII and IX	**(2 123.0)**	**-**	**(1 950.8)**	**(172.2)**
Net requirements	45 877.8	3 358.9	**45 871.5**	6.3
X. Voluntary contributions (non-budgeted)	4 153.0	-	4 153.0	-
Total resources	**50 030.8**	**3 358.9**	**50 024.5**	**6.3**

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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated a total of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the expansion of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997.

Expenditures for the period totalled $13,931.600 gross ($13,626,600 net), inclusive of budgeted voluntary contributions in kind amounting to $1,340,000, resulting in an unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from delayed deployment of civilian staff, lower than projected utilization of aircraft and receipt of a budgeted voluntary contribution in kind in respect of rations, partially offset by additional requirements under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme and absorption of the Mission's share of the prorated cost of $230,300 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Mission of Observers is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994 for a period of up to six months, subject to the proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the parties agreed to extend the Agreement on a Temporary Ceasefire and the Cessation of Other Hostile Acts on the Tajik-Afghan Border and within the Country for the Duration of the Talks of 17 September 1994 (S/1994/1102, annex I) and that they remained committed to an effective ceasefire, to national reconciliation and to the promotion of democracy.

2. The Security Council subsequently extended the mandate of UNMOT in various resolutions. By its resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, the Council (a) authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of UNMOT in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 34–36 of his report to the Council of 4 September 1997 (S/1997/686 and Add.1) and in paragraph 23 of his report to the Council of 5 November 1997 (S/1997/859); (b) extended the mandate of UNMOT until 15 May 1998; (c) expanded the mandate of UNMOT to use its best efforts to promote peace and national reconciliation and to assist in the implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan (A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex I); and (d) noted the agreement of the parties to form a joint security unit to provide security, including armed escorts, for UNMOT personnel and transports mainly in the central part of the country, and called upon them to establish it without delay.

3. The Mission's mandate has been extended by the Security Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 1206 (1998) of 12 November 1998, in which the mandate was extended for a period of six months, until 15 May 1999.

4. An amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $308,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, was initially appropriated by the General Assembly under its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997.

5. In the light of the expansion of the Mission's mandate, based on Security Council resolution 1138 (1997), a revised budget amounting to $22,282,100 gross ($20,998,100 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was submitted in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 March 1998 (A/52/772/Add.2). It provided for a total of 120 military observers, 2 civilian police, 71 international staff and 140 locally recruited staff. The revised budget did not, however, take into consideration the voluntary in-kind contribution, budgeted at $1,340,000, in respect of rations received for the disarmament and demobilization programme received from the Government of the United States of America.

6. However, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/52/817, para. 12), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated an amount of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237.

7. The adjusted apportionment of the amount provided for rations for the disarmament and demobilization programme in the amount of $1,340,000. However, an unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was subsequently provided by the Government of the United States, which offset this requirement.

II. Implementation of the budget

8. Information on the operation of UNMOT and on the situation on the ground during the period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 4 and 11 September 1997 (S/1997/686 and Add.1), 5 November 1997 (S/1997/859), 10 February 1998 (S/1998/113), 6 May 1998 (S/1998/374), 13 and 17 August 1998 (S/1998/754 and Add.1) and 3 November 1998 (S/1998/1029).

9. The signing of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan and the Moscow Declaration (A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex II) on 27 June 1997 and the subsequent convening of the Commission on National Reconciliation launched the period of transition, during which the refugees are to return; the United Tajik Opposition fighters are to be demobilized or reintegrated into the governmental structures; the armed forces, police and security apparatus are to be formed; and the democratic processes in the country are to be improved, leading to elections and the formation of a new Government.

10. In the light of this development, the mandate of UNMOT was expanded to assist this process, as stated in paragraph 2 above, and the related additional requirements were provided in the revised budget for the reporting period.

11. The peace process has been disrupted by violence and made only slow progress during the period of expansion, which started in mid-November. As a result, the deployment of additional military and civilian staff was delayed, and full deployment was not realized during the period. This factor contributed to the unutilized balance reported under various budget line items, in particular, under civilian personnel costs and operational costs. The unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution from the Government of the United States in respect of rations for former combatants of United Tajik Opposition under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme also contributed to overall savings.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

12. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $13,931,600 gross ($13,626,600 net), including an unanticipated voluntary contribution in kind in the apportioned amount of $1,340,000, and $3,540,100 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 7.1 per cent of the amount appropriated.

13. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Charts showing the planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel and the apportionment and expenditures by main budget groups are presented in annexes III and IV respectively.

14. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	1 937.7	1 875.5	62.2
Civilian personnel costs	4 513.7	3 985.6	528.1
Operational costs	5 804.8	5 140.9	663.9
Other programmes	1 770.8	2 086.3	(315.5)
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	—	230.3	(230.3)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	308.0	308.0	—
Staff assessment	665.0	305.0	360.0
Total	**15 000.0**	**13 931.6**	**1 068.4**
Income from staff assessment	(665.0)	(305.0)	(360.0)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	(1 340.0)	(1 340.0)	—
Gross requirements	**13 660.0**	**12 591.6**	**1 068.4**
Net requirements	**12 995.0**	**12 286.6**	**708.4**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
Total resources	**12 995.0**	**12 286.6**	**708.4**

[a] Includes $3,540,100 in unliquidated obligations.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

	1 July–15 November 1997			*16 November 1997–30 June 1998*		
Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	44	44	—	120	71	41
Military contingents	—	—	—	—	—	—
Civilian police	—	—	—	2	0.3	85
International staff	26	26	—	71	34	52
Local staff	40	39	3	140	63	55
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—	—	—

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

15. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

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	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	1 848.8	-	1 823.3	25.5
2. Military contingents	48.5	-	11.8	36.7
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	7.6	-	7.6	-
(b) Death and disability compensation	32.8	-	32.8	-
Subtotal, line 3	40.4	-	40.4	-
Total, Category I	**1 937.7**	-	**1 875.5**	**62.2**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	14.9	-	10.8	4.1
2. International and local staff	4 498.8	-	3 974.8	524.0
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, Category II	**4 513.7**	-	**3 985.6**	**528.1**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	130.0	75.5	149.8	(19.8)
2. Infrastructure repairs	-	-	-	-
3. Transport operations	1 998.3	1 407.6	1 929.6	68.7
4. Air operations	1 798.3	-	1 388.6	409.7
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	1 118.8	494.4	945.6	173.2
7. Other equipment	544.2	432.1	519.3	24.9
8. Supplies and services	194.2	-	187.5	6.7
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	21.0	-	20.5	0.5
Subtotal, line 9	**21.0**	-	**20.5**	**0.5**
Total, Category III	**5 804.8**	**2 409.6**	**5 140.9**	**663.9**

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IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	57.7	-	57.4	0.3
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	1 713.1	1 746.2	2 028.9	(315.8)
Total, Category IV	**1 770.8**	**1 746.2**	**2 086.3**	**(315.5)**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	230.3	(230.3)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	308.0	-	308.0	-
VII. Staff assessment	665.0	-	305.0	360.0
Total, Categories I - VII	**15 000.0**	**4 155.8**	**13 931.6**	**1 068.4**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(665.0)	-	(305.0)	(360.0)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	(1 340.0) [a/]	-	(1 340.0) [a/]	-
Total, Categories VIII - IX	**(2 005.0)**	-	**(1 645.0)**	**(360.0)**
Gross requirements	13 660.0	2 425.3	12 591.6	1 068.4
Net requirements	12 995.0	2 425.3	12 286.6	708.4
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES	**12 995.0**	**2 425.3**	**12 286.6**	**708.4**

[a/] While the total value of the voluntary contributions was estimated at $1,680,000, only the apportioned amount of $1,340,000 is recorded.

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $1,937,700; expenditure: $1,875,500; variance: $62,200

1. The unutilized balance of $62,200 under military observers ($25,500) and military contingents ($36,700) resulted from the lower than anticipated deployment of military observers and the non-procurement of contingency rations due to available inventory from the prior period respectively.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $4,513,700; expenditure: $3,985,600; variance: $528,100

2. The unutilized balance of $524,000 under international and local staff costs was due to the high vacancy rate throughout the period for both international and local staff. Delayed deployment of civilian staff during the expansion period in particular contributed to the high vacancy rate. As shown in table 2 of the main report and in annex III, almost full deployment was achieved during the period from 1 July to 15 November 1997 against the authorized 26 international staff and 40 local staff posts. However, during the expansion period, from 16 November 1997 onwards, there was an average vacancy rate of 52 per cent for international staff and 55 per cent for local staff against the authorized 71 international and 140 local level posts.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $5,804,800; expenditure: $5,140,900; variance: $663,900

3. The unutilized balance of $663,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $683,700 under transport operations ($68,700), air operations ($409,700), communications ($173,200), other equipment ($24,900), supplies and services ($6,700) and air and surface freight ($500), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $19,800 under premises/accommodation.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $130,000; expenditure: $149,800; variance: ($19,800)

4. Additional requirements of $19,800 under this heading resulted mainly from higher than anticipated requirements under alterations and renovations of premises and freight charges for the shipment of containers.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $1,998,300; expenditure: $1,929,600; variance: $68,700

5. The unutilized balance of $68,700 under this heading was mainly attributable to the savings under purchase of vehicles due to lower than budgeted unit costs of vehicles purchased (actual unit cost of $11,300 versus budgeted unit cost of $18,700), rental of vehicles, petrol, oil and lubricants and vehicle insurance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,798,300; expenditure: $1,388,600; variance: $409,700

6. The unutilized balance of $409,700 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $429,400 under helicopter operations ($210,200) and fixed-wing aircraft ($219,200), which were partially offset by increased requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance of $19,700.

7. The unutilized balance under helicopter operations is due to lower than anticipated flying hours, and the unutilized balance under fixed-wing aircraft is attributable to the late arrival of the aircraft (AN-26) in the mission area, which also resulted in lower than anticipated flying hours. Additional requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance were due to a higher than anticipated number of crew members (20 instead of 10).

Communications

Apportionment: $1,118,800; expenditure: $945,60; variance: $173,200

8. The unutilized balance of $173,200 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $247,500 under commercial communications, which were offset in part by additional requirements of $74,300 under communications equipment ($14,200), spare parts and supplies ($53,700) and workshop and test equipment ($6,400).

9. The unutilized balance under commercial communications was attributable to the non-operation of some team sites for security reasons and delayed deployment of additional staff.

10. Additional requirements under communication equipment were due to the purchase of additional equipment (INMARSAT Mini-M, GP 300, telephone sets), which was not foreseen in the revised budget for the expansion of the Mission, while additional requirements under spare parts and supplies and workshop and test equipment were due to higher than anticipated freight charges.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $544,200; expenditure: $519,300; variance: $24,900

11. The unutilized balance of $24,900 was mainly attributable to the transfer of various items of data-processing equipment from the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) and other items of miscellaneous equipment which were also made available from UNTAES and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

12. The unutilized balance was offset in part by additional requirements under items such as office furniture, petrol tank plus metering equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $194,200; expenditure: $187,500; variance: $6,700

13. The unutilized balance totalling $6,700 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services ($6,900), and was partially offset by additional requirements totalling $200 under miscellaneous supplies.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $1,770,800; expenditure: $2,086,300; variance: ($315,500)

14. The additional requirements of $315,500 were attributable mainly to additional expenditures incurred under the assistance and demobilization programme. Provision of $1,713,100 had been made for rations and miscellaneous services under assistance for disarmament and demobilization for former combatants of the United Tajik Opposition (UTO) and for personnel of the Joint Security Unit, composed of 120 soldiers each from the Government of Tajikistan and UTO. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was made by the Government of the United States of America for the former UTO combatants only, which offset the budgetary provision for this purpose of $1,340,000. However, expenditures were incurred for rations for the personnel of the Joint Security Unit and for other miscellaneous services, including the cost of transporting the donated rations, for which no budgetary provision had been made, resulting in additional requirements of $315,500.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $230,300; variance: ($230,300)

15. The expenditure of $230,300 represents the Mission's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $665,000; expenditure: $305,000; variance: $360,000

16. The unutilized balance was due to delayed deployment of staff.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($665,000); expenditure: ($305,000); variance: ($360,000)

17. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 16).

Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)

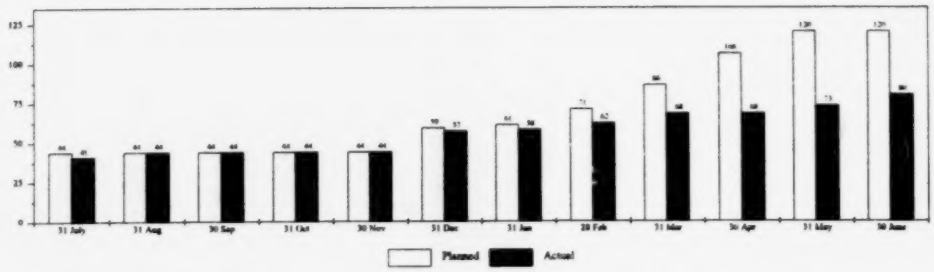
Apportionment: ($1,340,000); expenditure: ($1,340,000); variance: none

18. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was donated by the Government of the United States for the former UTO combatants, which offset the budgeted provision.

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



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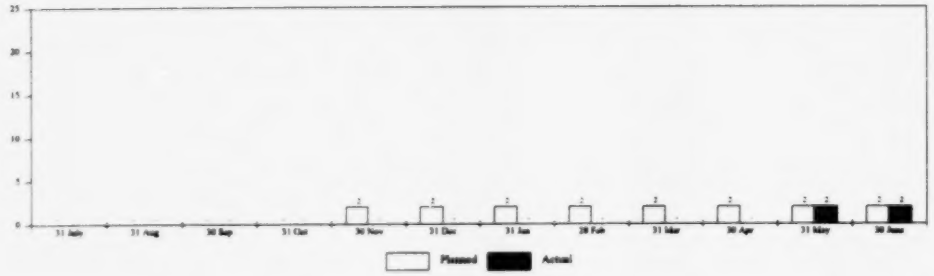

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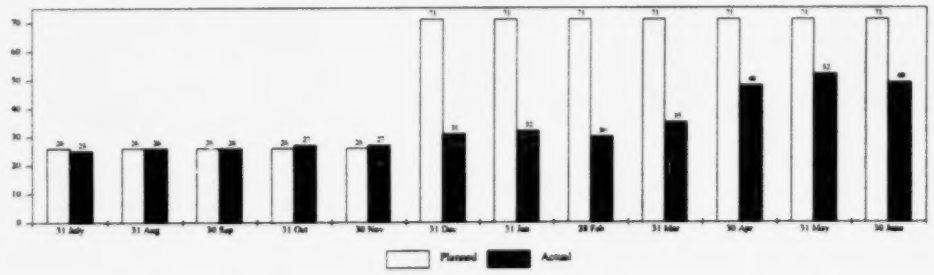

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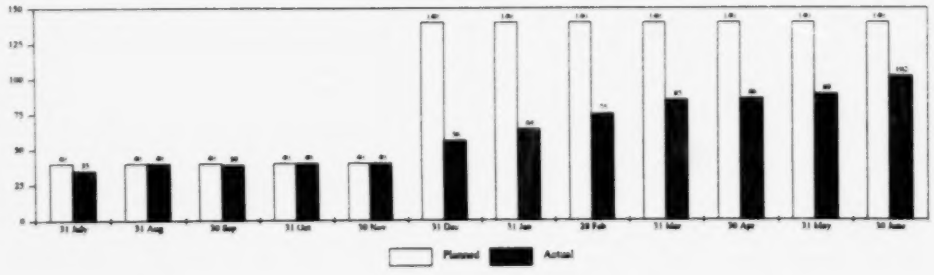

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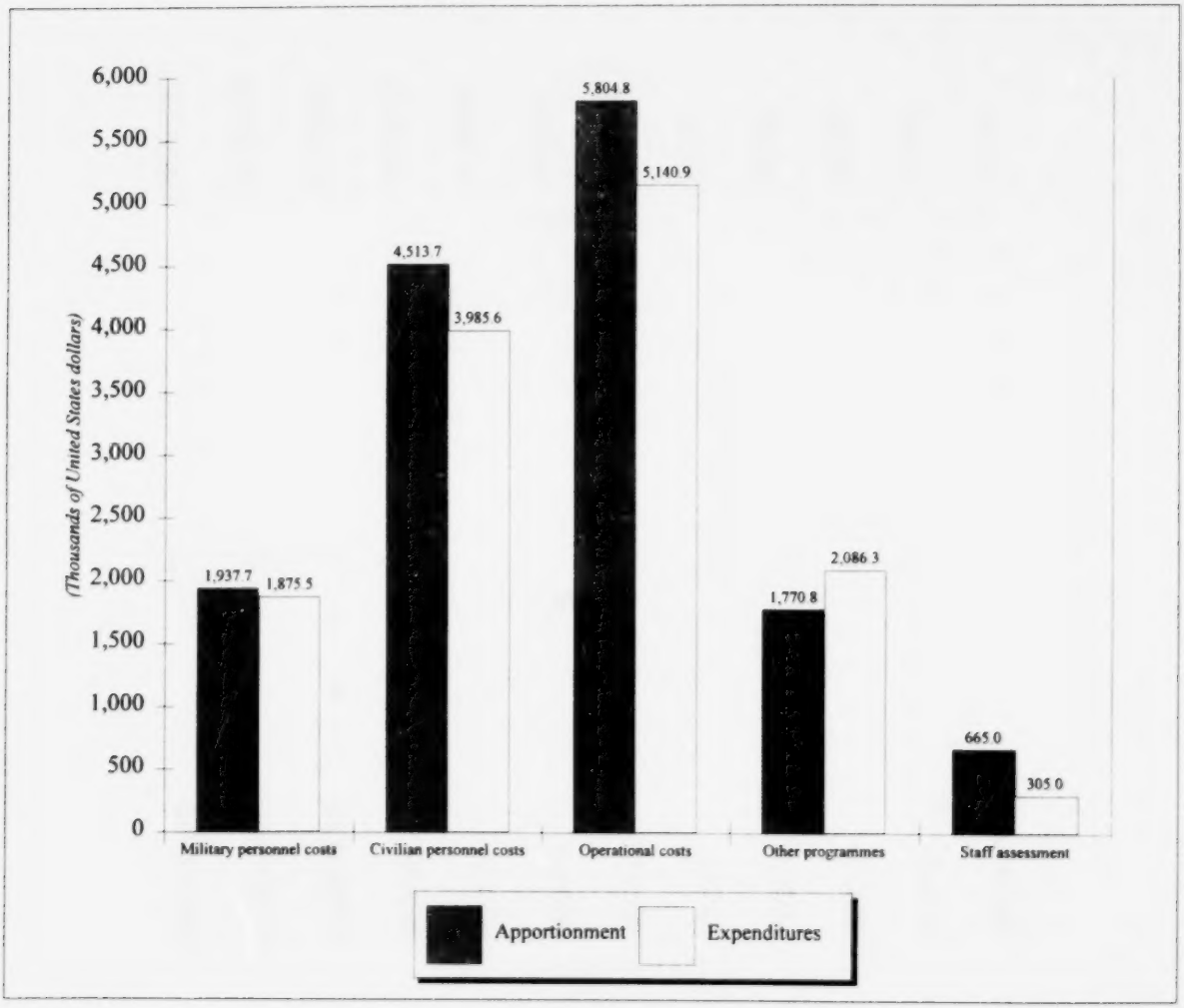
Apportionment and expenditures for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated a total of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the expansion of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997. In addition a voluntary contribution in kind valued at $1,340,000 was received from one Member State.

Expenditures for the period totalled $13,931,600 gross ($13,626,600 net), inclusive of a budgeted voluntary contribution in kind amounting to $1,340,000, resulting in an unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross ($2,048,400 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from delayed deployment of civilian staff, lower than projected utilization of aircraft and receipt of a budgeted voluntary contribution in kind in respect of rations, partially offset by additional requirements under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme and absorption of the Mission's share of the prorated cost of $230,300 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Mission of Observers is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross ($2,048,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994 for a period of up to six months, subject to the proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the parties agreed to extend the Agreement on a Temporary Ceasefire and the Cessation of Other Hostile Acts on the Tajik-Afghan Border and within the Country for the Duration of the Talks of 17 September 1994 (S/1994/1102, annex I) and that they remained committed to an effective ceasefire, to national reconciliation and to the promotion of democracy.

2. The Security Council subsequently extended the mandate of UNMOT in various resolutions. By its resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, the Council (a) authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of UNMOT in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 34–36 of his report to the Council of 4 September 1997 (S/1997/686 and Add.1) and in paragraph 23 of his report to the Council of 5 November 1997 (S/1997/859); (b) extended the mandate of UNMOT until 15 May 1998; (c) expanded the mandate of UNMOT to use its best efforts to promote peace and national reconciliation and to assist in the implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan (A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex I); and (d) noted the agreement of the parties to form a joint security unit to provide security, including armed escorts, for UNMOT personnel and transports mainly in the central part of the country, and called upon them to establish it without delay.

3. The Mission's mandate has been extended by the Security Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 1206 (1998) of 12 November 1998, in which the mandate was extended for a period of six months, until 15 May 1999.

4. An amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $308,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, was initially appropriated by the General Assembly under its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997.

5. In the light of the expansion of the Mission's mandate, based on Security Council resolution 1138 (1997), a revised budget amounting to $22,282,100 gross ($20,998,100 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was submitted in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 March 1998 (A/52/772/Add.2). It provided for a total of 120 military observers, 2 civilian police, 71 international staff and 140 locally recruited staff. The revised budget did not, however, take into consideration the voluntary in-kind contribution, budgeted at $1,340,000, in respect of rations received for the disarmament and demobilization programme received from the Government of the United States of America.

6. However, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/52/817, para. 12), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated an amount of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237.

7. The apportionment of $15 million included the budgetary provision for rations requirements for the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme in the amount of $1,340,000 for the former United Tajik Opposition (UTO) fighters. In this connection it is recalled that in the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/772/Add.1, annex III.C, para. 82) it was indicated that this provision would be offset against any voluntary

contribution that may become available. Subsequently, voluntary contribution in kind of rations earmarked for the former UTO fighters was provided by the Government of the United States of America, which offset this requirement.

II. Implementation of the budget

8. Information on the operation of UNMOT and on the situation on the ground during the period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 4 and 11 September 1997 (S/1997/686 and Add.1), 5 November 1997 (S/1997/859), 10 February 1998 (S/1998/113), 6 May 1998 (S/1998/374), 13 and 17 August 1998 (S/1998/754 and Add.1) and 3 November 1998 (S/1998/1029).

9. The signing of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan and the Moscow Declaration (A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex II) on 27 June 1997 and the subsequent convening of the Commission on National Reconciliation launched the period of transition, during which the refugees are to return; the United Tajik Opposition fighters are to be demobilized or reintegrated into the governmental structures; the armed forces, police and security apparatus are to be formed; and the democratic processes in the country are to be improved, leading to elections and the formation of a new Government.

10. In the light of this development, the mandate of UNMOT was expanded to assist this process, as stated in paragraph 2 above, and the related additional requirements were provided in the revised budget for the reporting period.

11. The peace process has been disrupted by violence and made only slow progress during the period of expansion, which started in mid-November. As a result, the deployment of additional military and civilian staff was delayed, and full deployment was not realized during the period. This factor contributed to the unutilized balance reported under various budget line items, in particular, under civilian personnel costs and operational costs. The unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution from the Government of the United States in respect of rations for former combatants of United Tajik Opposition under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme also contributed to overall savings.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

12. As indicated in table 1 below, from total resources in the amount of $16,340,000 (apportionment: $15,000,000; voluntary contribution: $1,340,000) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $13,931,600 gross ($13,626,600 net), including a voluntary contribution in kind in the amount of $1,340,000, and $3,540,100 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross ($2,048,400 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 16 per cent of the amount appropriated.

13. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Charts showing the planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel and the apportionment and expenditures by main budget groups are presented in annexes III and IV respectively.

14. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2.

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Gross requirements	**15 000.0**	**12 591.6**	**2 408.4**
Net requirements	**14 335.0**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
Total resources	**14 335.0**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**

[a] Includes $3,540,100 in unliquidated obligations.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

	1 July–15 November 1997			*16 November 1997–30 June 1998*		
Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
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	(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	—	—	—	—

		(1) Apportionment	(2) Non-recurrent expenditures	(3) Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)	(4) = (1-3) Variance
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	Total, Category III	**5 804.8**	**2 409.6**	**5 140.9**	**663.9**
IV.	**Other programmes**				
	1. Election-related supplies and services	—	—	—	—
	2. Public information programmes	57.7	—	57.4	0.3
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	4. Mine-clearing programmes	—	—	—	—
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	Total, Categories VIII–IX	**(2 005.0)**	**—**	**(1 645.0)**	**(360.0)**
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	Net requirements	**14 335.0**	**4 155.8**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**
X.	**Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
	TOTAL RESOURCES	**14 335.0**	**4 155.8**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**

[a] Inclusive of $1,340,000 budgeted voluntary contributions in kind.

[b] While the total value of the voluntary contributions was estimated at $1,680,000, only the apportioned amount of $1,340,000 is recorded.

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $1,937,700; expenditure: $1,875,500; variance: $62,200

1. The unutilized balance of $62,200 under military observers ($25,500) and military contingents ($36,700) resulted from the lower than anticipated deployment of military observers and the non-procurement of contingency rations due to available inventory from the prior period respectively.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $4,513,700; expenditure: $3,985,600; variance: $528,100

2. The unutilized balance of $524,000 under international and local staff costs was due to the high vacancy rate throughout the period for both international and local staff. Delayed deployment of civilian staff during the expansion period in particular contributed to the high vacancy rate. As shown in table 2 of the main report and in annex III, almost full deployment was achieved during the period from 1 July to 15 November 1997 against the authorized 26 international staff and 40 local staff posts. However, during the expansion period, from 16 November 1997 onwards, there was an average vacancy rate of 52 per cent for international staff and 55 per cent for local staff against the authorized 71 international and 140 local level posts.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $5,804,800; expenditure: $5,140,900; variance: $663,900

3. The unutilized balance of $663,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $683,700 under transport operations ($68,700), air operations ($409,700), communications ($173,200), other equipment ($24,900), supplies and services ($6,700) and air and surface freight ($500), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $19,800 under premises/accommodation.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $130,000; expenditure: $149,800; variance: ($19,800)

4. Additional requirements of $19,800 under this heading resulted mainly from higher than anticipated requirements under alterations and renovations of premises and freight charges for the shipment of containers.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $1,998,300; expenditure: $1,929,600; variance: $68,700

5. The unutilized balance of $68,700 under this heading was mainly attributable to the savings under purchase of vehicles due to lower than budgeted unit costs of vehicles purchased (actual unit cost of $11,300 versus budgeted unit cost of $18,700), rental of vehicles, petrol, oil and lubricants and vehicle insurance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,798,300; expenditure: $1,388,600; variance: $409,700

6. The unutilized balance of $409,700 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $429,400 under helicopter operations ($210,200) and fixed-wing aircraft ($219,200), which were partially offset by increased requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance of $19,700.

7. The unutilized balance under helicopter operations is due to lower than anticipated flying hours, and the unutilized balance under fixed-wing aircraft is attributable to the late arrival of the aircraft (AN-26) in the mission area, which also resulted in lower than anticipated flying hours. Additional requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance were due to a higher than anticipated number of crew members (20 instead of 10).

Communications

Apportionment: $1,118,800; expenditure: $945,60; variance: $173,200

8. The unutilized balance of $173,200 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $247,500 under commercial communications, which were offset in part by additional requirements of $74,300 under communications equipment ($14,200), spare parts and supplies ($53,700) and workshop and test equipment ($6,400).

9. The unutilized balance under commercial communications was attributable to the non-operation of some team sites for security reasons and delayed deployment of additional staff.

10. Additional requirements under communication equipment were due to the purchase of additional equipment (INMARSAT Mini-M, GP 300, telephone sets), which was not foreseen in the revised budget for the expansion of the Mission, while additional requirements under spare parts and supplies and workshop and test equipment were due to higher than anticipated freight charges.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $544,200; expenditure: $519,300; variance: $24,900

11. The unutilized balance of $24,900 was mainly attributable to the transfer of various items of data-processing equipment from the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) and other items of miscellaneous equipment which were also made available from UNTAES and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

12. The unutilized balance was offset in part by additional requirements under items such as office furniture, petrol tank plus metering equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $194,200; expenditure: $187,500; variance: $6,700

13. The unutilized balance totalling $6,700 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services ($6,900), and was partially offset by additional requirements totalling $200 under miscellaneous supplies.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $3,110,800; expenditure: $2,086,300; variance: $1,024,500

14. The unutilized balance of $1,024,500 was mainly attributable to voluntary contributions in kind made available under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme. Provision of $1,713,100 had been made for rations and miscellaneous services under assistance for disarmament and demobilization for former combatants of the United Tajik Opposition (UTO) and for personnel of the Joint Security Unit, composed of 120 soldiers each from the Government of Tajikistan and UTO. The savings were due to the subsequent receipt of a voluntary in-kind contribution of rations from the Government of the United States of America for the former UTO combatants. Expenditures incurred covered rations requirements of the personnel of the Joint Security Unit and for other miscellaneous services, including the cost of transporting the donated rations, for which no budgetary provision had been made.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $230,300; variance: ($230,300)

15. The expenditure of $230,300 represents the Mission's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $665,000; expenditure: $305,000; variance: $360,000

16. The unutilized balance was due to delayed deployment of staff.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($665,000); expenditure: ($305,000); variance: ($360,000)

17. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 16).

Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)

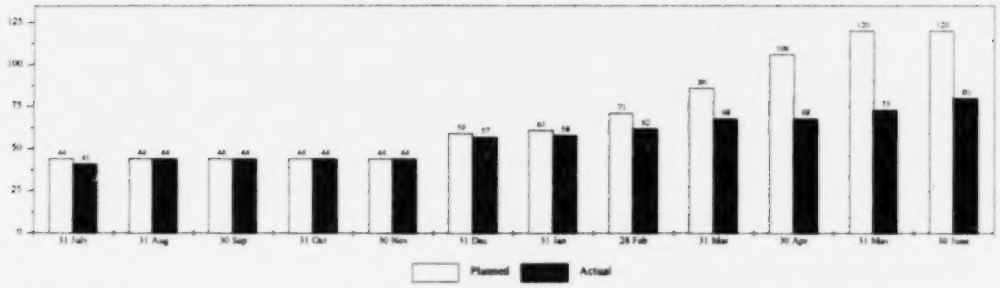
Apportionment: ($1,340,000); expenditure: ($1,340,000); variance: none

18. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was donated by the Government of the United States for the former UTO combatants, which offset the budgeted provision.

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



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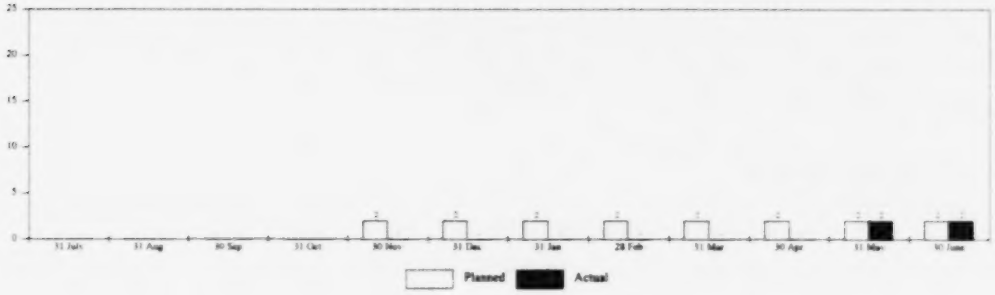

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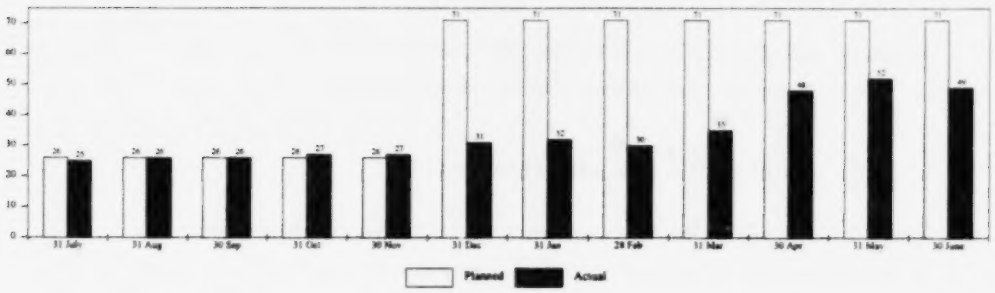

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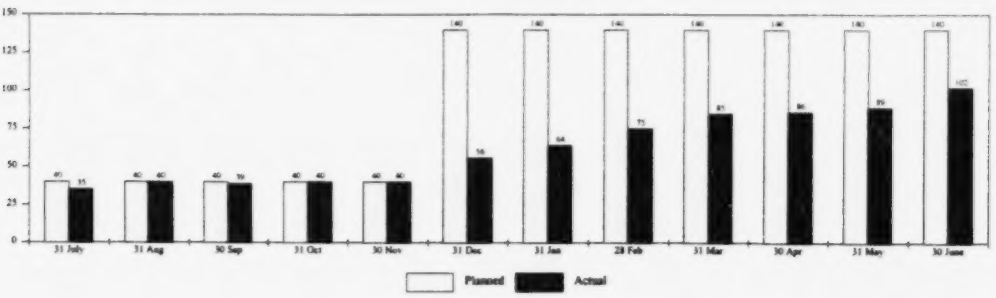
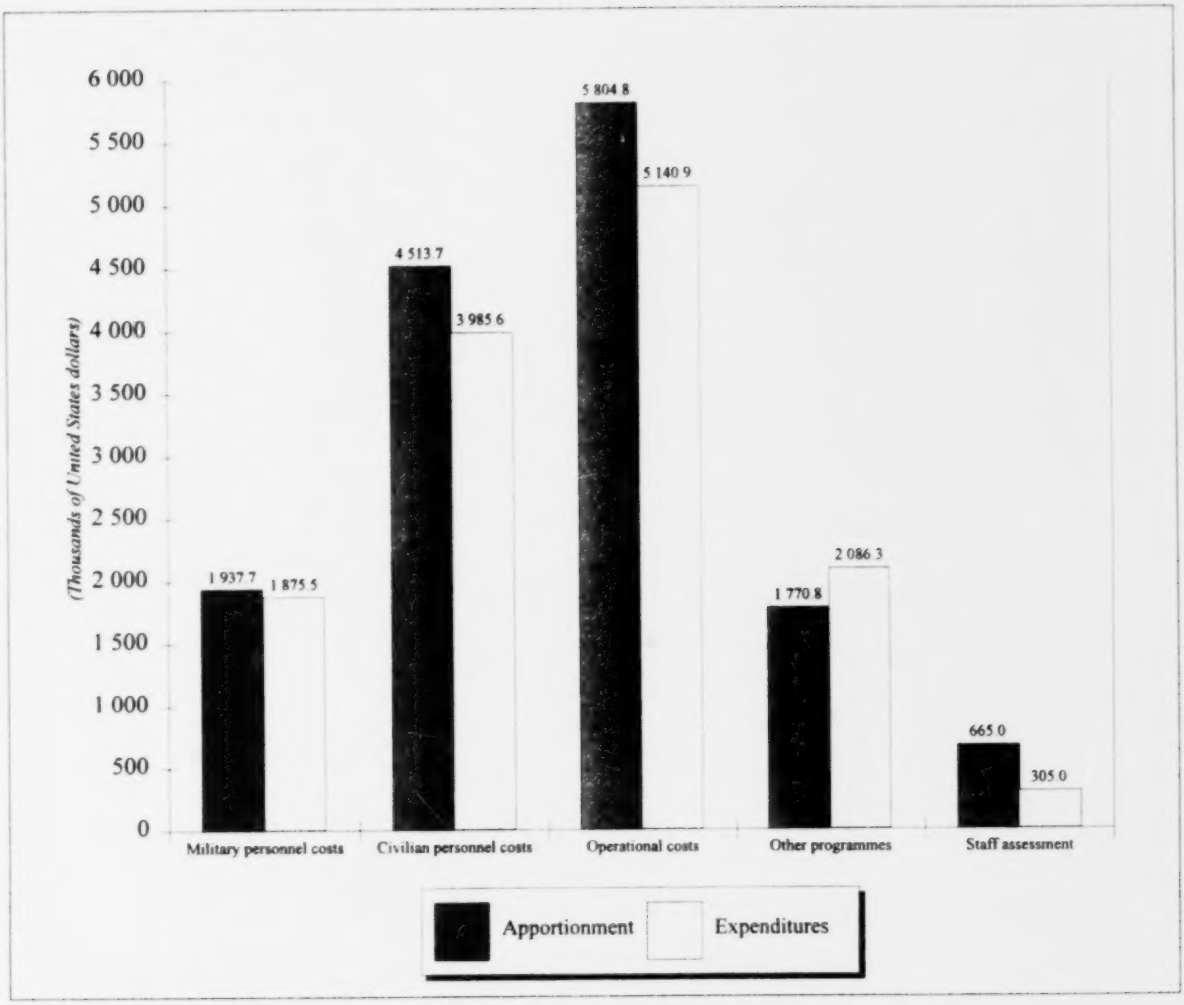


Annex IV

Apportionment and expenditures for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Letter dated 8 January 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to our recent letter concerning the Israeli attack on an area near the village of Nahlah on 3 January 1999 (A/53/777-S/1999/6), I have to communicate to you hereunder particulars of fresh Israeli aggression, this time against the villages of Arnun and Shab'a.

In the early morning of 7 January 1999 Israeli occupying forces destroyed at least 14 homes in Arnun, near Qal'at at-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort), 10 days after destroying six homes in the same township. Within hours of this outrage they carried out a large-scale raid on the beleaguered village of Shab'a in the Arqub and expelled 25 residents, including 16 children.

These fresh acts of aggression illustrate yet again Israel's contempt for international law, the safety of defenceless civilians and human rights.

The Lebanese Government, again expressing its condemnation and deprecation of these open assaults on its sovereignty and of the abusive practices inflicted on its citizens, urges the international community to take the necessary steps to halt Israeli attacks on Lebanon, to bring an end to the intimidation of its innocent inhabitants by the aggressor and occupier and to ensure that those expelled can return to their homes.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

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Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/154 B of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the same period.

Expenditures for the period totalled $39,611,000 gross ($38,659,100 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted from lower operational requirements and vacancies in military and civilian personnel staffing in view of the expected liquidation of the Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Force is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 795 (1992) of 11 December 1992, the Security Council authorized the deployment of a United Nations presence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. By its resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP).

2. The initial budget for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 15 January 1997 (A/51/508/Add.1) and amounted to $44,298,000 gross ($42,760,800 net). The budget provided for a reduced military strength of 750 troops pursuant to Security Council resolution 1082 (1996) of 27 November 1996.

3. In its resolution 1105 (1997) of 9 April 1997, however, the Security Council decided to suspend the reduction of the military component of UNPREDEP in the light of the situation in the region. The Secretary-General subsequently submitted a revised budget for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (A/51/508/Add.3), estimated at $49,474,800 gross ($47,937,600 net), which provided for the retention of the Force's military strength of 1,050 troops. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 15 of its report of 28 May 1997 (A/51/910), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate $44.6 million gross for the period.

4. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/154 B of 13 June 1997, appropriated the amount of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of $1,906,700 for the support account for peacekeeping operations.

II. Implementation of the budget

5. Information on the operations of UNPREDEP and on the situation on the ground during the reporting period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 11 August 1997 (S/1997/631), 20 November 1997 (S/1997/911) and 1 June 1998 (S/1998/454 and Corr.1).

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the original UNPREDEP budget covering the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was based on a strength of 750 troops. However, following the decision of the Security Council in its resolution 1105 (1997) to suspend the reduction of the military component of the Force, the budget was revised to provide for the maintenance of UNPREDEP at its full strength of 1,050 troops. The Council subsequently decided, by its resolution 1110 (1997) of 28 May 1997, to start on 1 October 1997 a two-month phased reduction of the military component from 1,050 to 750 troops. By its resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997, the Council further decided to extend the mandate of the Force for a final period ending on 31 August 1998, with the withdrawal of the military component immediately thereafter.

7. The above-mentioned developments affected the implementation of the UNPREDEP budget during the period under review, particularly the decision taken midway through the fiscal period to terminate the mission. Vacant posts for international and local staff were not filled in view of the projected liquidation of the mission. This resulted in an average vacancy rate of 17.1 per cent for international staff and 15.7 per cent for local staff. The

vacancy rate for the military component averaged 1.5 per cent. In addition, a number of planned projects were not undertaken, resulting in savings under premises, equipment, public information and training.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

8. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $39,611,000 gross ($38,659,100 net), inclusive of $14,476,300 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 15 per cent of the amount appropriated. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, and supplementary information on significant variances is presented in annex II. Annex IV contains a chart showing apportionment and expenditures by the main budget groups.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	20 471.3	20 248.5	222.8
Civilian personnel costs	10 266.0	8 080.7	2 185.3
Operational costs	12 165.0	7 696.9	4 468.1
Other programmes	160.5	76.3	84.2
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	0.0	650.0	(650.0)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 906.7	1 906.7	0.0
Staff assessment	1 537.2	951.9	585.3
Total	**46 506.7**	**39 611.0**	**6 895.7**
Income from staff assessment	(1 537.2)	(951.9)	(585.3)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net requirements	**44 969.5**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total resources	**44 969.5**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**

[a] Inclusive of $14,476,300 in unliquidated obligations.

9. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 and in annexes II and III.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	35	35	—
Military contingents	875[a]	862	1.5
Civilian police	26	26	—
International staff	76	63	17.1
Local staff	127	107	15.7

[a] Based on 1,050 troops from 1 July to 30 November 1997 and 750 troops from 1 December 1997 to 30 June 1998.

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

10. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNPREDEP is to decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	1 306.3	-	1 291.4	14.9
2. Military contingents	15 262.2	-	15 054.3	207.9
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	3 538.4	-	3 538.4	-
(b) Death and disability compensation	364.4	-	364.4	-
Subtotal, line 3	3 902.8	-	3 902.8	-
Total, category I	**20 471.3**	-	**20 248.5**	**222.8**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	971.9	-	908.2	63.7
2. International and local staff	9 294.1	-	7 172.5	2 121.6
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**10 266.0**	-	**8 080.7**	**2 185.3**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	2 152.4	27.0	1 223.8	928.6
2. Infrastructure repairs	180.0	-	201.5	(21.5)
3. Transport operations	3 719.9	429.6	2 939.2	780.7
4. Air operations	1 450.5	-	1 270.2	180.3
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	1 405.5	1.9	728.1	677.4
7. Other equipment	364.7	60.2	178.5	186.2
8. Supplies and services	1 596.3	-	828.2	768.1
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	700.8	-	-	700.8
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	594.9	-	327.4	267.5
Subtotal, line 9	**1 295.7**	-	**327.4**	**968.3**
Total, category III	**12 165.0**	**518.7**	**7 696.9**	**4 468.1**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	120.5	-	73.9	46.6
3. Training programmes	40.0	-	2.4	37.6
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**160.5**	**-**	**76.3**	**84.2**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	650.0	(650.0)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 906.7	-	1 906.7	-
VII. Staff assessment	1 537.2	-	951.9	585.3
Total, categories I–VII	**46 506.7**	**518.7**	**39 611.0**	**6 895.7**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(1 537.2)	-	(951.9)	(585.3)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII–IX	**(1 537.2)**	**-**	**(951.9)**	**(585.3)**
Gross requirements	46 506.7	518.7	39 611.0	6 895.7
Net requirements	44 969.5	518.7	38 659.1	6 310.4
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total resources	**44 969.5**	**518.7**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $20,471,300; expenditure: $20,248,500; variance: $222,800

1. The unutilized balance of $222,800 under military observers ($14,900) and military contingents ($207,900) resulted primarily from the fact that one contingent did not claim daily allowance or reimbursement for rotation travel. These savings were partially offset by additional requirements for troop costs and rations. The apportionment provided for an average strength of 850 troops, whereas the actual strength averaged 862 troops. The additional requirements for rations were needed to settle prior period invoices ($180,000), since they had been put on hold pending clarification from the supplier, and to provide for the higher than projected number of troops in the mission area ($58,500).

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $10,266,000; expenditure: $8,080,700; variance: $2,185,300

2. The unutilized balance of $2,185,300 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements for civilian police ($63,700) and for international and local staff ($2,121,600).

3. The unutilized balance of $2,121,600 under international and local staff resulted from the average monthly vacancy rate of 17.1 per cent for international staff and 15.7 per cent for local staff during the reporting period. In view of the anticipated termination of the mission pursuant to Security Council resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997, vacant posts were not filled, resulting in savings for salaries, common staff costs and mission subsistence allowance.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $12,165,000; expenditure: $7,696,900; variance: $4,468,100

4. The unutilized balance of $4,468,100 under operational costs resulted from reduced requirements totalling $4,489,600 under premises/accommodation ($928,600), transport operations ($780,700), air operations ($180,300), communications ($677,400), other equipment ($186,200), supplies and services ($768,100) and air and surface freight ($968,300). These savings were partially offset by additional requirements of $21,500 under infrastructure repairs.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $2,152,400; expenditure: $1,223,800; variance: $928,600

5. The unutilized balance under this heading resulted primarily from utilization of surplus stocks of maintenance supplies from closed missions and lower requirements due to expected liquidation of the Force as well as lower requirements for utilities. This was due to two factors: (a) the closure of Kumanovo base camp and observation posts and (b) no increase in electricity costs during the period under review.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $3,719,900; expenditure: $2,939,200; variance: $780,700

6. The unutilized balance under this heading resulted from savings related to purchase of vehicles, spare parts, repairs and maintenance and petrol, oil and lubricants. Twenty-nine jeeps and seven sedans were purchased through a global purchase order at lower unit costs than budgeted. Additional savings were attributable to the availability of spare parts from surplus stock, the implementation of cost-saving measures on the use of petrol, including fuel monitoring, and the downsizing of the mission.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,450,500; expenditure: $1,270,200; variance: $180,300

7. The unutilized balance of $180,300 under air operations resulted from reduced requirements under helicopter operations ($164,200), aircrew subsistence allowance ($9,500) and other air operations costs ($6,600).

8. The unutilized resources of $164,200 under helicopter operations resulted from 330 less flying hours utilized, due to the downsizing of the Force.

Communications

Apportionment: $1,405,500; expenditure: $728,100; variance: $677,400

9. The unutilized resources of $677,400 under communications were realized under spare parts and supplies, since only emergency supplies were procured in view of the planned liquidation of the Force. Moreover, implementation of a preventive maintenance programme reduced the need for those items. Savings were also realized under commercial communications, partly as a result of strict control over telephone use.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $364,700; expenditure: $178,500; variance: $186,200

10. The unutilized resources of $186,200 under other equipment resulted from lower costs of spare parts for generators received from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, the transfer of 33 refrigerators and 2 fuel pumps from surplus stock and the suspension of fuel station and field defence equipment projects as a result of the expected liquidation of the mission.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $1,596,300; expenditure: $828,200; variance: $768,100

11. The unutilized balance of $322,600 under miscellaneous services and $445,500 under miscellaneous supplies was attributable to the following factors: (a) the provision of laundry and dry cleaning services by two contingents under self-sustainment arrangements, the cost of which is reflected under contingent-owned equipment; (b) the availability of supplies from surplus stock; (c) the donation of medical supplies by the Government of Germany; and (d) overall reduced requirements due to the downsizing of the mission.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $1,295,700; expenditure: $327,400; variance: $968,300

12. Following the repatriation of 300 troops during this period, one contingent also repatriated a large quantity of its equipment, including 15 armoured personnel carriers, 45 per cent of its utility trucks and 21 per cent of its utility jeeps. The United Nations has not yet been informed by the Government concerned if it intends to seek reimbursement for the cost of transporting those items. There were also lower requirements for commercial freight and cartage as a result of the reduction in strength and curtailment of activities in view of the anticipated liquidation.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $650,000; variance: ($650,000)

13. Pursuant to section I, paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997, an amount of $650,000, representing the ad hoc prorated share of UNPREDEP for the financing of the Logistics Base, was provided during the reporting period.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $1,537,200; expenditure: $951,900; variance: $585,300

14. The unutilized balance of $585,300 under the above heading was due to vacancy rates of 17.1 and 15.7 per cent for international and local staff respectively during the period.

Income from staff assessment

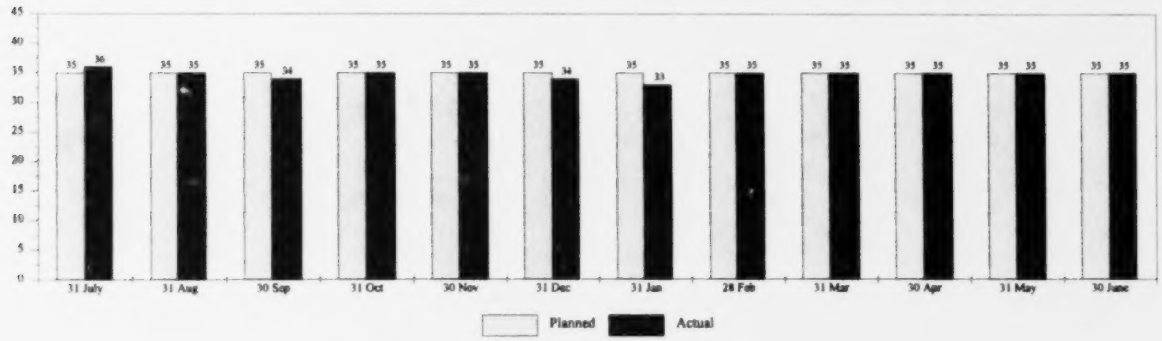
Apportionment: ($1,537,200); expenditure: ($951,900); variance: ($585,300)

15. This amount is derived from staff assessment (see para. 14 above).

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



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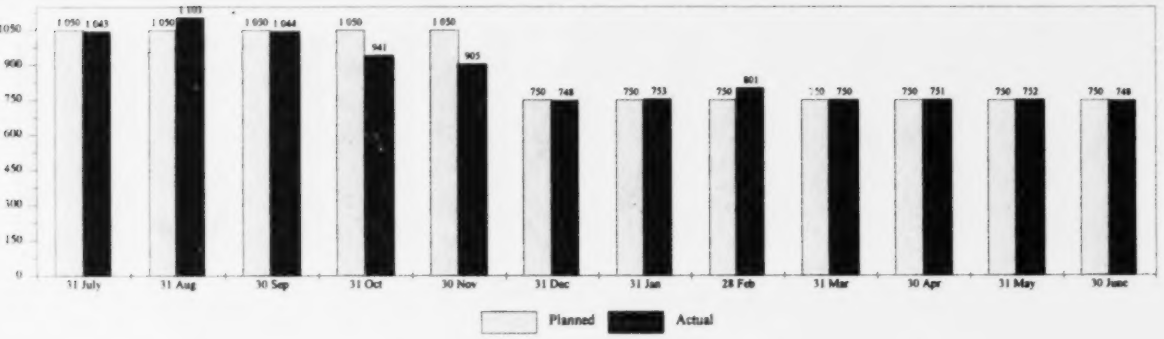

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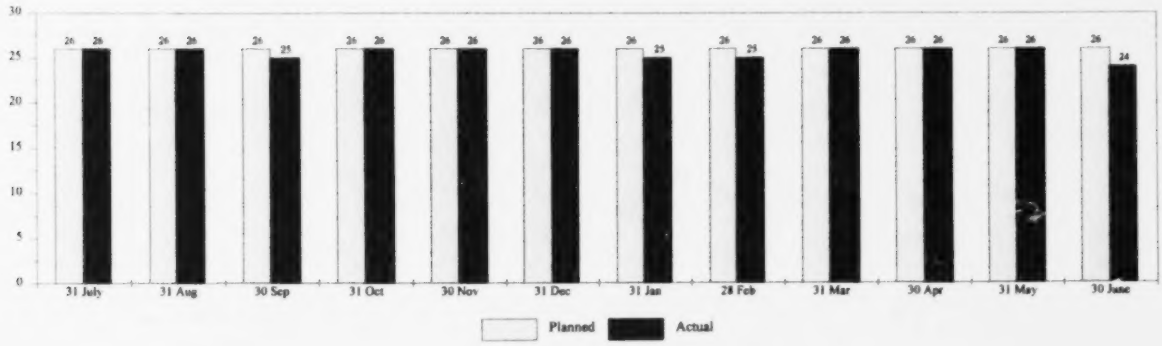

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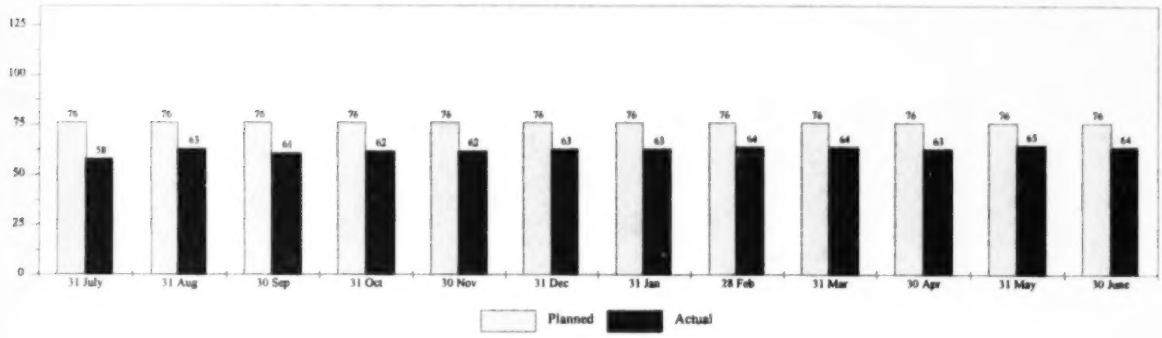

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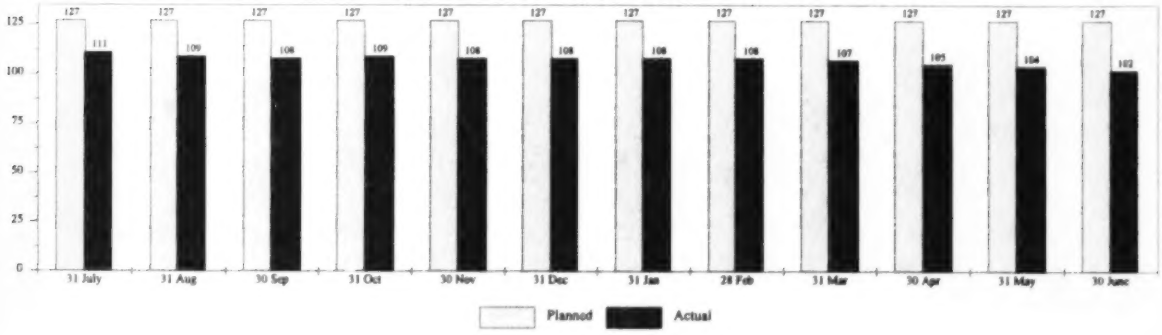

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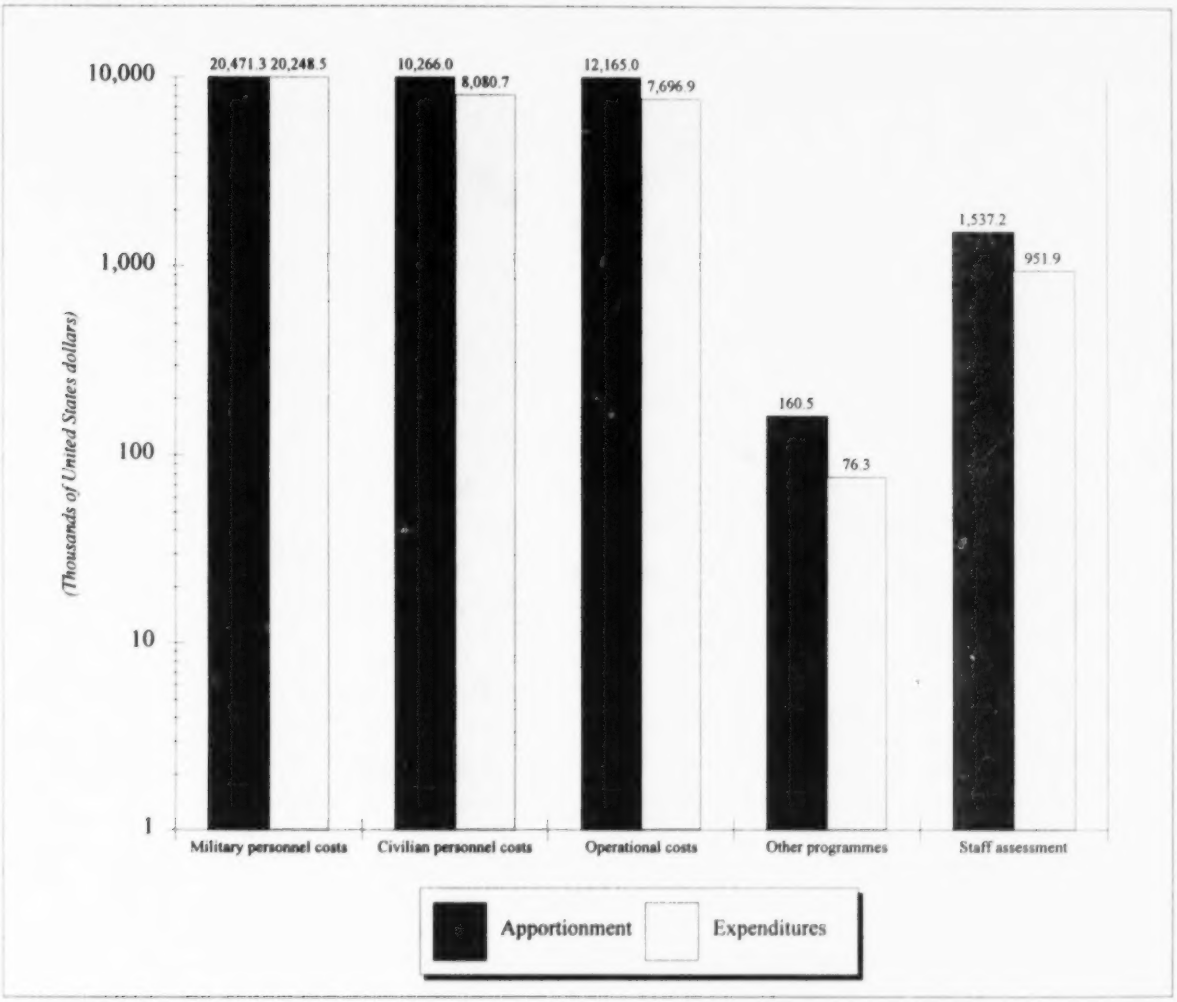

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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/234 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the same period.

Expenditures for the period totalled $48,092,000 gross ($46,515,000 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from lower catering costs under rations for military contingents, civilian vacancies, cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq for a fixed-wing aircraft and reduced requirements under communications and supplies and services.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNIKOM is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) was established by the Security Council in accordance with its resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991. In its resolution 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, the Council decided to review the question of the termination or continuation of UNIKOM, as well as its modalities of operation, every six months. The latest review was on 7 October 1998, and the President of the Security Council informed the Secretary-General that the Council concurred with the recommendation to maintain UNIKOM and would review the question once again by 7 April 1999 (S/1998/925).

2. The budget for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 5 March 1997 (A/51/658/Add.2) and amounted to $50,653,000 gross ($48,600,100 net). It provided for the maintenance of 195 military observers and 903 troops (775 infantry and 128 support personnel), supported by 72 international staff and 166 locally recruited staff. The budget also included provision for operational costs and related requirements. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 27 of its report of 4 April 1997 (A/51/683/Add.1), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate an amount of $49,535,400 gross ($47,647,200 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

3. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/234 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of $1,952,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations. Taking into account the two-thirds share of the net amount, equivalent to $33,066,200, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, an amount of $18,421,300 gross ($16,533,100 net) has been assessed on Member States.

II. Implementation of the budget

4. The UNIKOM concept of operations during the period was based on a combination of patrol and observation bases, observation points, ground and air patrols, investigation teams and liaison with the parties at all levels.

5. The situation in the demilitarized zone during the period remained generally calm. Detailed information on the operations of UNIKOM and on the situation on the ground during the period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 24 September 1997 (S/1997/740), 25 March 1998 (S/1998/269) and 24 September 1998 (S/1998/889).

6. The operational requirements of the Mission were met during the financial period under review and there were accordingly no operational reasons for shortcomings or slippage during implementation of the approved budget.

7. All projects included in the approved budget for the financial year 1997–1998 were implemented in the course of the year.

8. The unutilized balance was attributable, to a large extent, to personnel costs, both military and civilian. Insofar as the military personnel are concerned, the unutilized balance was the result of a combination of factors such as travel, rations and welfare.

9. With regard to civilian personnel costs, the unutilized balance accrued across the board, namely, in salaries, common staff costs and mission subsistence allowances, owing

to a higher than anticipated vacancy rate, especially for international staff. Support for the Mission's operations was fully met and the staff shortages impacted only on the civilian staff themselves, who were obliged to absorb the duties that should have been assigned to incumbents of the unplanned vacancies.

10. Savings in most other areas were attributable either to the cost of goods and services being less than anticipated, or to demands for repairs, maintenance or replacement of damaged/obsolete assets being more modest than had been expected at the time the cost estimates were prepared.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

11. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $51,487,500 gross ($49,599,300 net) for the maintenance of UNIKOM for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $48,092,000 gross ($46,515,000 net), inclusive of $15,967,800 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 7 per cent of the amount appropriated.

12. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by major budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Charts showing the planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel and the apportionment and expenditures by main budget groups are presented in annexes III and IV, respectively.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	25 463.6	24 598.8	864.8
Civilian personnel costs	12 949.4	11 017.4	1 932.0
Operational costs	9 214.2	8 256.2	958.0
Other programmes	20.0	11.3	8.7
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	—	679.2	(679.2)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 952.1	1 952.1	0.0
Staff assessment	1 888.2	1 577.0	311.2
Total	**51 487.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
Income from staff assessment	(1 888.2)	(1 577.0)	(311.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—
Gross requirements	**51 487.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
Net requirements	**49 599.3**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
Total resources	**49 599.3**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**

[a] Includes an amount of $15,967,800 in unliquidated obligations.

13. Information on the deployment of military observers and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 below and detailed in annexes II and III to the present report.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	195 [a]	196	—
Military contingents	903	896	1
Civilian police	—	—	—
International staff	72	56	22
Local staff	166	147	11
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—

[a] While authorized strength by the Security Council remains at 300, budgetary provision was made for 195.

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

14. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNIKOM is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,395,500 gross ($3,084,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.**

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	7 215.6	-	7 055.8	159.8
2. Military contingents	16 298.9	-	15 549.8	749.1
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	1 629.1	-	1 673.2	(44.1)
(b) Death and disability compensation	320.0	-	320.0	-
Subtotal, line 3	1 949.1	-	1 993.2	(44.1)
Total, category I	**25 463.6**	-	**24 598.8**	**864.8**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	-	-	-	-
2. International and local staff	12 949.4	-	11 017.4	1 932.0
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**12 949.4**	-	**11 017.4**	**1 932.0**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 047.4	404.5	853.5	193.9
2. Infrastructure repairs	60.0	52.0	52.0	8.0
3. Transport operations	2 232.3	566.4	2 277.7	(45.4)
4. Air operations	3 087.3	-	2 856.2	231.1
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	862.5	435.8	668.9	193.6
7. Other equipment	456.3	50.8	385.2	71.1
8. Supplies and services	1 368.4	-	1 104.4	264.0
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	-
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	100.0	-	58.3	41.7
Subtotal, line 9	**100.0**	-	**58.3**	**41.7**
Total, category III	**9 214.2**	**1 509.5**	**8 256.2**	**958.0**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	-	-	-	-
3. Training programmes	10.0	-	11.3	(1.3)
4. Mine-clearing programmes	10.0	-	-	10.0
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**20.0**	**-**	**11.3**	**8.7**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	679.2	(679.2)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 952.1	-	1 952.1	-
VII. Staff assessment	1 888.2	-	1 577.0	311.2
Total, categories I-VII	**51 487.5**	**1 509.5**	**48 092.0**	**3 395.5**
VIII Income from staff assessment	(1 888.2)	-	(1 577.0)	(311.2)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII and IX	**(1 888.2)**	**-**	**(1 577.0)**	**(311.2)**
Gross requirements	51 487.5	1 509.5	48 092.0	3 395.5
Net requirements	49 599.3	1 509.5	46 515.0	3 084.3
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total resources	**49 599.3**	**1 509.5**	**46 515.0**	**3 084.3**

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $25,463,600; expenditure: $24,598,800; variance: $864,800

1. The unutilized balance of $864,800 under the military observers ($159,800) and military contingents ($749,100) budget line items, were offset in part by additional requirements under contingent-owned equipment ($44,100). Savings under military observers were due to leave taken by military observers for which mission subsistence allowance was not accrued and lower-than-anticipated travel costs. Savings under military contingents were due to lower catering costs under rations and utilization of less expensive air charter contracts for the emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $12,949,400; expenditure: $11,017,400; variance: $1,932,000

2. The unutilized balance of $1,932,000 under international and local staff costs was attributable to an average monthly vacancy rate of 15 per cent for both categories of staff. While provision was made for 72 international staff inclusive of a 10 per cent vacancy factor, the actual monthly strength averaged 56, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 22 per cent. With regard to local staff, the average monthly strength was 147 against the 166 authorized posts, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 11 per cent compared to a revised 10 per cent vacancy factor applied to the budget.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $9,214,200; expenditure: $8,256,200; variance: $958,000

3. The unutilized balance of $958,000 under this heading resulted from the reduced requirements totalling $1,003,400 under premises/accommodation ($193,900), infrastructure repairs ($8,000), air operations ($231,100), communications ($193,600), other equipment ($71,100), supplies and services ($264,000), and air and surface freight ($41,700), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $45,400 under transport operations.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $1,047,400; expenditure: $853,500; variance: $193,900

4. The unutilized balance of $193,900 under premises/accommodation was mainly attributable to charging the costs of fuel for generators to petrol, oil and lubricants, under transportation; lower-than-anticipated requirements under maintenance services; and savings under construction/prefabricated buildings.

Infrastructure repairs

Apportionment: $60,000; expenditure: $52,000; variance: $8,000

5. The unutilized balance of $8,000 under upgrading of roads was due to the cancellation of some planned projects.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $2,232,300; expenditure: $2,277,700; variance: ($45,400)

6. Additional requirements of $45,400 under transport operations were attributable to the additional requirements under petrol, oil and lubricants as a result of the cost for diesel fuel for generators being charged under this line item, as stated in paragraph 4 above, as well as higher actual costs for vehicle insurance. The additional requirements were offset by the unutilized balance under purchase of vehicles resulting from the lower unit costs of vehicles purchased under the system contract and lower-than-estimated costs under workshop equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $3,087,300; expenditure: $2,856,200; variance: $231,100

7. The unutilized balance of $231,100 was attributable to reduced requirements under fixed-wing aircraft owing to the cost-sharing arrangement with the United Nations Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, non-utilization of the provision under air crew subsistence allowance owing to the inclusion of the cost in the contract and lower-than-anticipated requirements under landing fees and ground handling. The savings were offset in part by additional requirements under helicopter operations resulting from higher-than-anticipated hire/charter costs upon the renewal of the contract as of 15 September 1997.

Communications

Apportionment: $862,500; expenditure: $668,900; variance: $193,600

8. The unutilized balance of $193,600 resulted from the reduction in procurement of communications equipment, and lower-than-anticipated requirements under spare parts and supplies, workshop and test equipment, and commercial communications.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $456,300; expenditure: $385,200; variance: $71,100

9. The unutilized balance of $71,100 under other equipment was attributable to lower-than-anticipated requirements under office furniture, accommodation equipment, miscellaneous equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance. Also contributing to the savings were actual lower unit costs of data-processing equipment and non-replacement of obsolete observation equipment.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $1,368,400; expenditure: $1,104,400; variance: $264,000

10. The unutilized balance of $264,000 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services and miscellaneous supplies.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $100,000; expenditure: $58,300; variance: $41,700

11. The unutilized balance of $41,700 was due to lower-than-anticipated requirements under the line item.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $20,000; expenditure: $11,300; variance: $8,700

12. The unutilized balance of $8,700 was attributable to non-utilization of funds under mine-clearing programmes, which was offset in part by additional requirements under training programmes.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $679,200; variance: ($679,200)

13. The expenditure of $679,200 represents the UNIKOM prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, based on General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $1,888,200; expenditure: $1,577,000; variance: $311,200

14. The unutilized balance of $311,200 was due to a higher-than-anticipated vacancy rate, as stated in paragraph 2 above.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($1,888,200); expenditure: ($1,577,000); variance: ($311,200)

15. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 14).

Annex III

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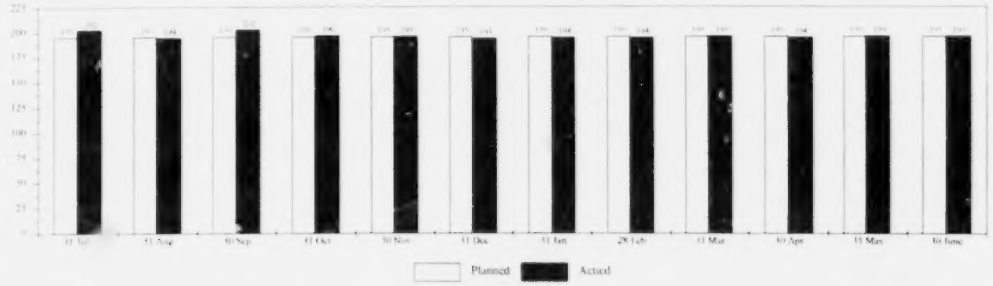

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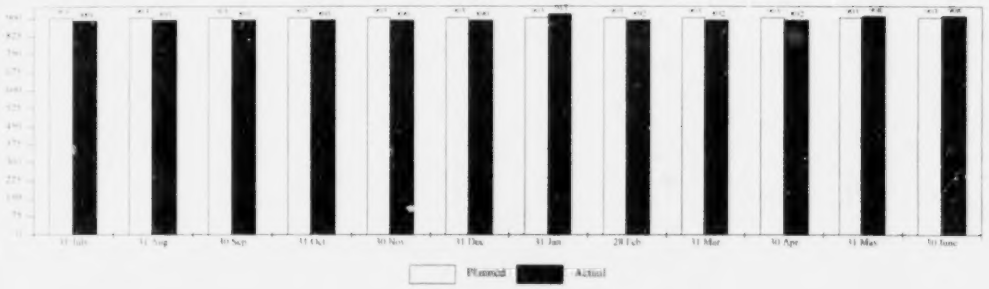

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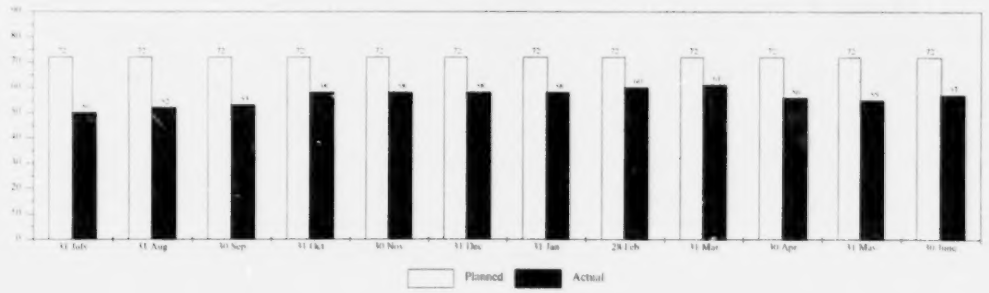

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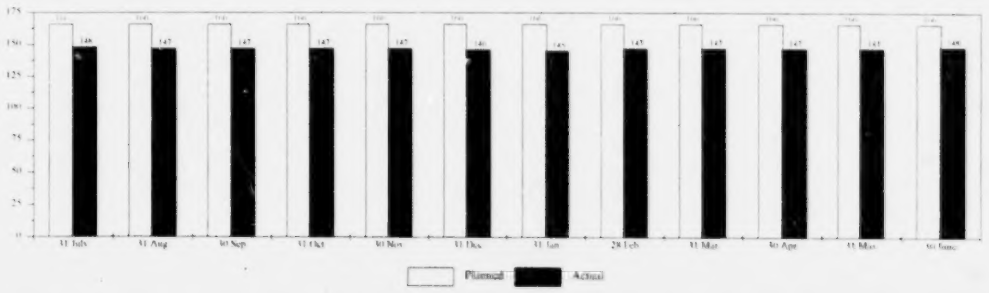

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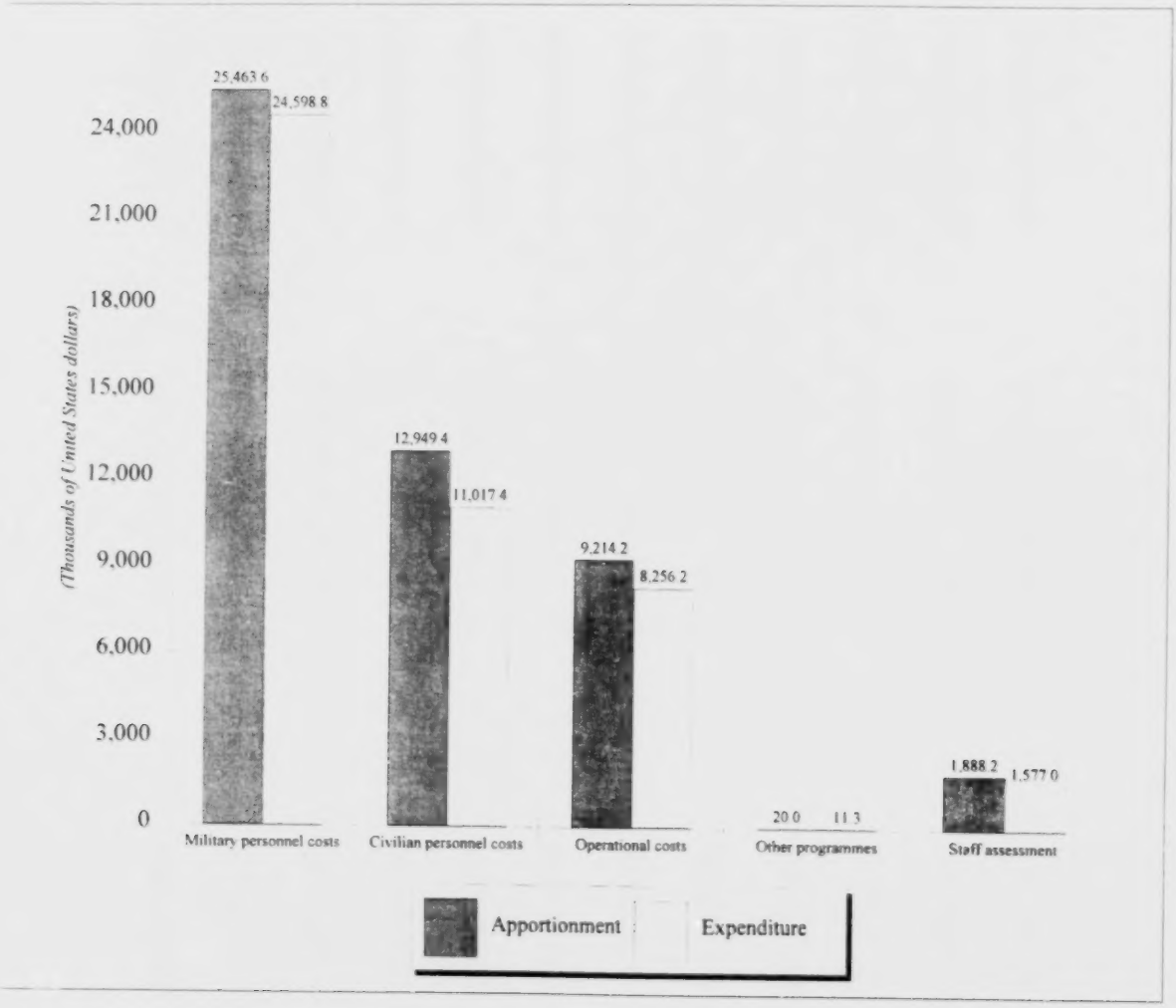

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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/235 of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP, including $1,939,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and an amount of $1,131,000 for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993.

Expenditure for the period amounted to $47,822,300 gross ($45,871,500 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net). The unencumbered balance resulted from slightly lower military personnel costs due to lower actual number of military personnel in the mission area and lower operational cost requirements under infrastructure repairs, transport operations and communications.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Force is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964. The Force's mandate has been extended by the Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 1217 (1998) of 22 December 1998, by which it extended the mandate of UNFICYP to 30 June 1999.

2. The budget for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 5 February 1997 (A/51/755/Add.1) and amounted to $50,320,400 gross ($48,180,600 net). It provided for the maintenance of up to 1,230 contingent personnel, 35 civilian police monitors, 45 international and 307 locally recruited staff. Provision of $5,284,000 was also made for the United Nations share of termination payment due to locally employed civilians. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraphs 37 and 44 of its report dated 3 April 1997 (A/51/851 and Corr.1) indicated that the actual amount to be approved by the General Assembly would depend on the decision it took on the financing of separation payments for locally employed civilians, bearing in mind that UNFICYP was funded on a voluntary basis prior to 16 June 1993.

3. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/235 of 13 June 1997, appropriated the amount of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of $1,939,100 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and an amount of $1,131,000 for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993. By the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the Force to enable the United Nations to meet its remaining obligations with respect to the locally employed civilian staff. The General Assembly also noted the agreement of the Government of Greece to earmark, on an ad hoc basis, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, an amount of $2,768,667 from its annual voluntary contribution of $6.5 million to the Force, for this purpose. The Government of Cyprus provided, on an ad hoc basis, the remaining balance of $1,384,333 with respect to termination benefits of locally employed civilian staff. Taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to $15,292,600 by the Government of Cyprus and of $6,500,000 by the Government of Greece (inclusive of the amount of $2,768,667 earmarked for separation payment for locally employed civilians), the amount of $28,976,867 gross ($26,853,867 net) has been assessed on Member States.

II. Implementation of the budget

4. Information on the operations of UNFICYP and on the situation on the ground during the reporting period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 8 December 1997 (S/1997/962) and 10 June 1998 (S/1998/488 and Add.1).

5. As part of a restructuring and downsizing effort, UNFICYP maintained a freeze on recruitment during the period in order to reduce staffing levels by attrition. As a result of that exercise, 86 local posts were abolished effective from 1 July 1998. During the reporting period, the average vacancy rate of 5.2 per cent for international staff and 6.9 per cent for locally recruited staff involved realignment in the scope and scale of general administrative

support provided, but did not have an adverse impact on the carrying out of the Security Council mandate nor on the Force's operations. This was achieved by extended working hours and additional functions undertaken by the staff to ensure completion of all required tasks.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

6. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $48,000,800 gross ($45,877,800 net) for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditure amounted to $47,822,300 gross ($45,871,500 net), inclusive of $16,521,800 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 0.4 per cent of the amount appropriated. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, with supplementary information on significant variances presented in annex II. Additionally, paragraphs 4 and 9 of annex II contain information on the unforeseen expenditures in connection with the construction of the rations warehouse and the acquisition of data-processing equipment. Annex IV contains a chart showing apportionment and expenditure by main budget groups.

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Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

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Civilian personnel costs	11 297.8	11 601.2	(303.4)
Operational costs	9 007.9	8 177.0	830.9
Other programmes	25.0	15.4	9.6
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	0.0	654.9	(654.9)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 939.1	1 939.1	0.0
Staff assessment	2 123.0	1 950.8	172.2
Total	**48 000.8**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
Income from staff assessment	(2 123.0)	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)			0.0
Net requirements	**45 877.8**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)			0.0
Total resources	**45 877.8**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**

[a] Includes an amount of $16,521,800 in unliquidated obligations.

7. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 below and detailed in annexes II and III to the present report.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military contingents	1 230	1 225	0 4
Civilian police	35	35	0 4
International staff	44	42	5 2
Local staff	307	287	6 9

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

8. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNFICYP is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross ($6,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.**

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditure*	*Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	-	-	-	-
2. Military contingents	21 954.0	-	21 843.4	110.6
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	1 454.0	-	1 440.5	13.5
(b) Death and disability compensation	200.0	-	200.0	-
Subtotal, line 3	1 654.0	-	1 640.5	13.5
Total, Category I	**23 608.0**	-	**23 483.9**	**124.1**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	351.3	-	234.6	116.7
2. International and local staff	10 946.5	49.9	11 366.6	(420.1)
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, Category II	**11 297.8**	**49.9**	**11 601.2**	**(303.4)**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 319.3	243.2	1 415.4	(96.1)
2. Infrastructure repairs	400.0	-	25.0	375.0
3. Transport operations	2 040.7	716.6	1 798.1	242.6
4. Air operations	1 060.6	-	978.2	82.4
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	810.0	628.0	628.0	182.0
7. Other equipment	648.0	599.3	599.3	48.7
8. Supplies and services	2 702.3	1 178.0	2 591.0	111.3
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	45.6	45.6	(45.6)
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	27.0	96.4	96.4	(69.4)
Subtotal, line 9	**27.0**	**142.0**	**142.0**	**(115.0)**
Total, Category III	**9 007.9**	**3 507.1**	**8 177.0**	**830.9**

	(1) *Apportionment*	*(2)* *Non-recurrent expenditure*	*(3)* *Total expenditure (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditure)*	*(4) = (1-3)* *Variance*
IV. Other programmes	-	-	-	-
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	25.0	15.4	15.4	9.6
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	**25.0**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**9.6**
Total, Category IV	-	-	654.9	(654.9)
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	1 939.1	-	1 939.1	-
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	2 123.0	-	1 950.8	172.2
VII. Staff assessment	**48 000.8**	**3 572.4**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
Total, Categories I - VII	(2 123.0)	-	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
VIII Income from staff assessment	-	-	-	-
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	**(2 123.0)**	-	**(1 950.8)**	**(172.2)**
Total, categories VIII and IX	45 877.8	3 358.9	**45 871.5**	6.3
Net requirements	-	-	-	-
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	**45 877.8**	**3 358.9**	**45 871.5**	**6.3**
TOTAL RESOURCES				

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $23,608,000; expenditure: $23,483,900; variance: $124,100

1. The unutilized balance of $124,100 under military contingents ($110,600) and contingent-owned equipment ($13,500) budget line items was attributable to the implementation of new contracts with ration providers at more favourable rates than previous contracts; non-utilization of combat rations for which provision was made following the August 1996 events in the Buffer Zone and the lower actual troop strength of 1,225, representing an average monthly vacancy rate of 0.4 per cent. The unutilized balance was partially offset by additional requirements under emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops due to the additional rotation of the one contingent in accordance with national legislation for which budgetary provision had not been made.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $11,297,800; expenditure: $11,601,200; variance: ($303,400)

2. Additional requirements of $303,400 under this heading resulted from the unutilized balance of $116,700 under civilian police costs offset by additional requirements of $420,100 under international and local staff. Although there were average monthly vacancy rates of 4.9 per cent for international staff and 6.9 per cent for local staff (see annex III to the present report), additional requirements under local staff salaries and common staff costs were necessary due to the unforeseen retroactive increase of 12.5 per cent in local staff salaries effective from 1 January 1997.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $9,007,900; expenditure: $8,177,000; variance: $830,900

3. The unutilized balance of $830,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $1,042,000 under infrastructure repairs ($375,000), transport operations ($242,600), air operations ($82,400), communications ($182,000), other equipment ($48,700) and supplies and services ($111,300). These savings were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $211,100 under premises/accommodation ($96,100) and air and surface freight ($115,000).

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $1,319,300; expenditure: $1,415,400; variance: ($96,100)

4. Additional requirements of $96,100 resulted from unforeseen expenditures incurred for the construction of the rations warehouse on the United Nations protected area grounds ($137,000), as recommended by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, offset by some savings under utilities. The warehouse project was intended to improve control and monitoring of rations storage, distribution and consumption.

Infrastructure repairs

Apportionment: $400,000; expenditure: $25,000; variance: $375,000

5. The unutilized balance of $375,000 was due to the relatively mild winter and dry conditions experienced in Cyprus during the period under review, resulting in only minor maintenance requirements of the gravel surface of the patrol track.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $2,040,700; expenditure: $1,798,100; variance:$242,600

6. The unutilized balance of $242,600 was the result of: (a) lower actual unit costs of vehicles purchased than that budgeted for; (b) lower actual cost of the rental of vehicles and insurance and vehicle spare parts, petrol and lubricants; (c) a new and more favourable contract for provision of fuel from the northern part of the island ($0.49 per litre for petrol and $0.33 per litre for diesel, as compared with the budgeted ratio of $0.581 for the petrol and $0.37 for the diesel); and (d) replacement of petrol-powered contingent-owned vehicles which were written off during the period by diesel-powered commercially hired vehicles.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,060,600; expenditure: $978,200; variance: $82,400

7. The unutilized balance of $82,400 under hire/charter costs ($100,800) and aviation fuel and lubricants ($3,400) was partially offset by an additional requirement of $21,800 due to a higher actual cost of obtaining liability and war-risk insurance. The reported savings were attributable to tight control over utilization of flying hours during the period. While the budgetary provision was based on 1,200 flying hours, the actual hours flown were 1,079. In addition, actual fuel consumption averaged 90 litres per hour, as compared with the budget estimate of 95 litres per hour.

Communications

Apportionment: $810,000; expenditure: $628,000; variance: $182,000

8. The overall savings of $182,000 for the period were due to lower costs of spare parts and workshop equipment obtained through local competitive bidding and reduced charges for commercial communications, arising from strict control over telephone usage, introduction of a log procedure and a reduction in the number of telephone lines.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $648,000; expenditure: $599,300; variance: $48,700

9. The unutilized balance of $48,700 under other equipment was attributable to savings realized under observation equipment, miscellaneous equipment and freight for generators. Out of 5 night observation devices and 20 binoculars projected for replacement, 3 night observation devices and 18 binoculars were repaired by specialized technicians from the British Forces Cyprus at no cost to the United Nations. In addition 50 air-conditioners and other miscellaneous equipment were received from the United Nations Logistics Base. These savings were partially offset by additional requirements under data-processing equipment to implement a project to upgrade the existing UNFICYP electronic data-processing system in order to make it compatible with hardware and software used at Headquarters. This also permitted successful implementation of the field assets control system in UNFICYP in August 1997.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $2,702,300; expenditure: $2,591,000; variance: $111,300

10. The unutilized balance of $111,300 under this heading resulted from savings totalling $198,400 under (a) contractual services, owing to the decrease in the costs of laundry and dry-cleaning services in the southern part of the island provided by a new contractor as from 1 January 1998, as well as the decrease in the cost of --haircutting and tailoring services, obtained through competitive bidding; (b) medical treatment and services, due to the lower number of incidents of serious illnesses during the reporting period; and (c) uniforms, flags and decals, field defence stores and other supplies, due to economy and efficiency measures introduced in UNFICYP, including regular inventories of the existing stocks of operational supplies, strict control over requirements and receipt of consignment of defence stores from the Logistics Base in Brindisi. These unutilized balances were partially offset by additional requirements of $87,100 under miscellaneous services due to non-provision of funds for bank charges and higher actual monthly costs of other miscellaneous services, including advertisements.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $27,000; expenditure: $142,000; variance: ($115,000)

11. The additional requirements of $115,000 were due to unbudgeted expenses incurred in connection with repatriation of nine contingent-owned obsolete armoured personnel carriers to Argentina ($45,600); and additional freight cost requirements for goods received from the Logistics Base and ex-missions ($69,400).

Other programmes

Training programmes

Apportionment: $25,000; expenditure: $15,400; variance: $9,600

12. The unutilized balance of $9,600 was due to the lower than estimated cost of communications training courses undertaken by UNFICYP local staff.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $654,900; variance: ($654,900)

13. The expenditure of $654,900 represents the Force's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, based on General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $2,123,000; expenditure: $1,950,800; variance: $172,200

14. The unutilized balance of $172,200 was due to vacancies in international and local staff during the period.

Income from staff assessment

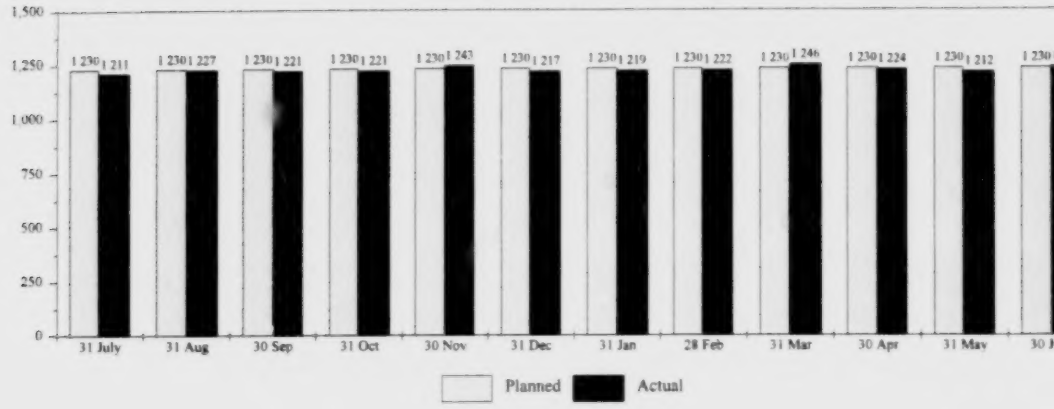
Apportionment: ($2,123,000); expenditure: ($1,950,800); variance: ($172,200)

15. This amount is derived from the previous section.

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military contingents



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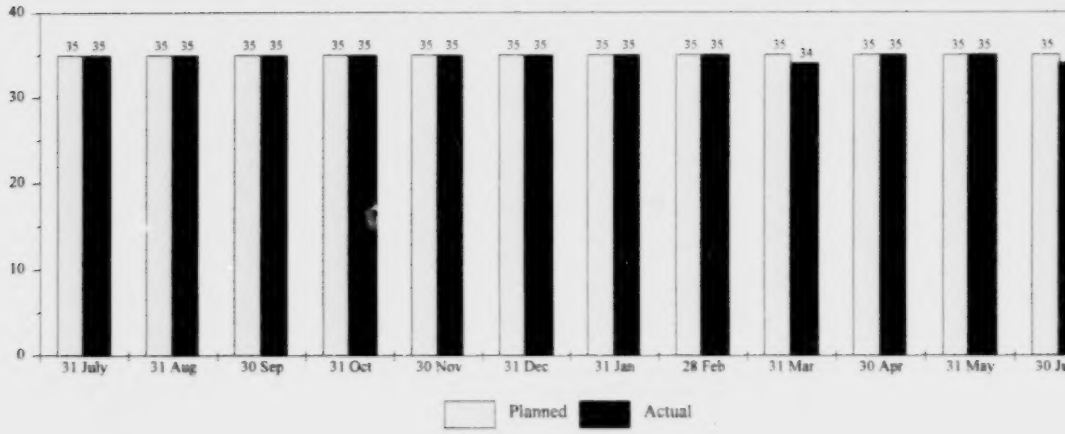

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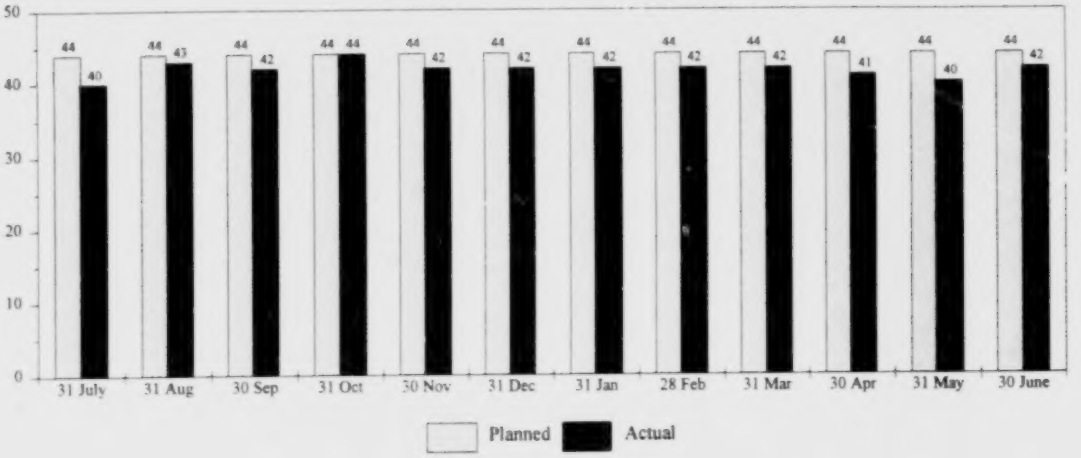

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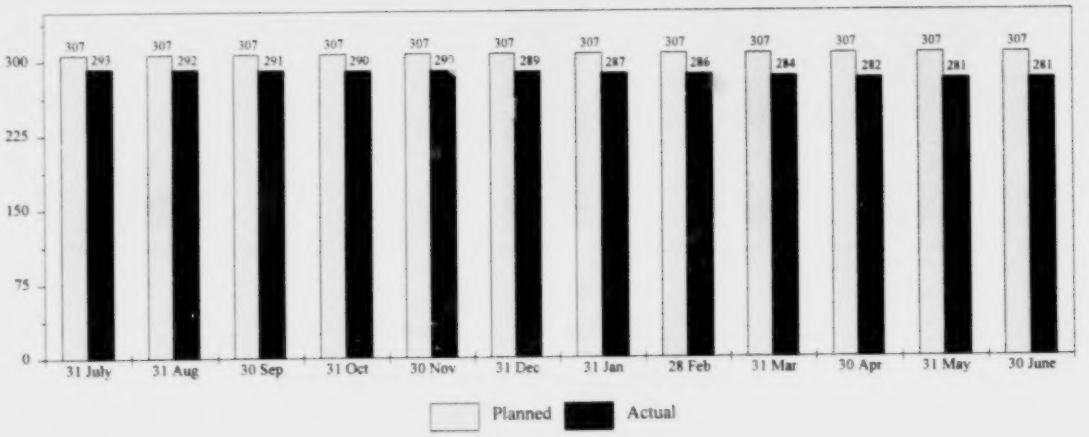

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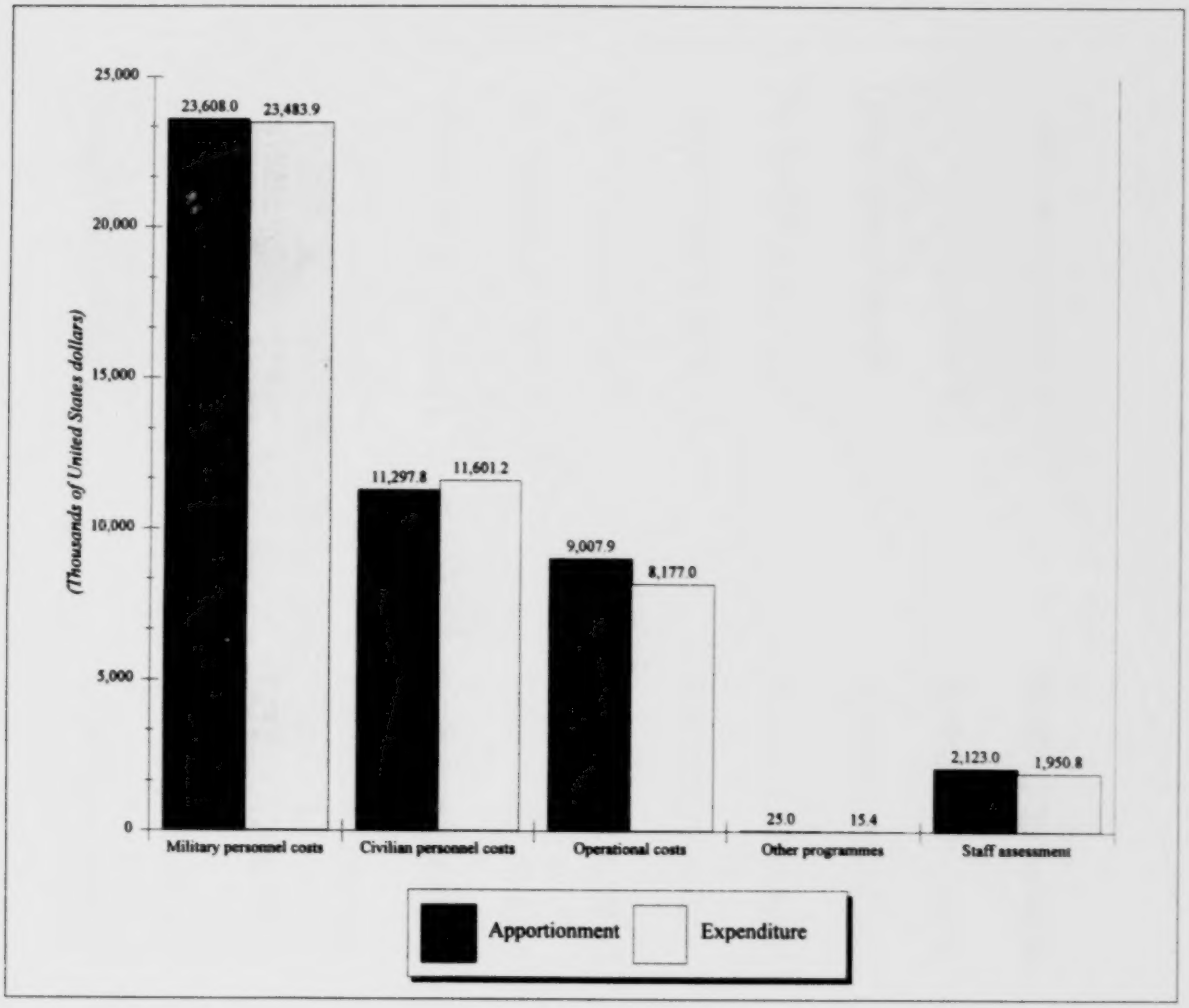
Apportionment and expenditure for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Corrigendum

1. **Page 1, summary, first paragraph**

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2. **Page 4**

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3. Training programmes	25.0	15.4	15.4	9.6
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**25.0**	**15.4**	**15.4**	**9.6**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	654.9	(654.9)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 939.1	-	1 939.1	-
VII. Staff assessment	2 123.0	-	1 950.8	172.2
Total, categories I–VII	**48 000.8**	**3 358.9**	**47 822.3**	**178.5**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(2 123.0)	-	(1 950.8)	(172.2)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII and IX	**(2 123.0)**	-	**(1 950.8)**	**(172.2)**
Net requirements	45 877.8	3 358.9	**45 871.5**	6.3
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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated a total of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the expansion of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997.

Expenditures for the period totalled $13,931.600 gross ($13,626,600 net), inclusive of budgeted voluntary contributions in kind amounting to $1,340,000, resulting in an unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from delayed deployment of civilian staff, lower than projected utilization of aircraft and receipt of a budgeted voluntary contribution in kind in respect of rations, partially offset by additional requirements under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme and absorption of the Mission's share of the prorated cost of $230,300 for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Mission of Observers is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $1,068,400 gross ($708,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994 for a period of up to six months, subject to the proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the parties agreed to extend the Agreement on a Temporary Ceasefire and the Cessation of Other Hostile Acts on the Tajik-Afghan Border and within the Country for the Duration of the Talks of 17 September 1994 (S/1994/1102, annex I) and that they remained committed to an effective ceasefire, to national reconciliation and to the promotion of democracy.

2. The Security Council subsequently extended the mandate of UNMOT in various resolutions. By its resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, the Council (a) authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of UNMOT in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 34–36 of his report to the Council of 4 September 1997 (S/1997/686 and Add.1) and in paragraph 23 of his report to the Council of 5 November 1997 (S/1997/859); (b) extended the mandate of UNMOT until 15 May 1998; (c) expanded the mandate of UNMOT to use its best efforts to promote peace and national reconciliation and to assist in the implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan (A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex I); and (d) noted the agreement of the parties to form a joint security unit to provide security, including armed escorts, for UNMOT personnel and transports mainly in the central part of the country, and called upon them to establish it without delay.

3. The Mission's mandate has been extended by the Security Council in subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 1206 (1998) of 12 November 1998, in which the mandate was extended for a period of six months, until 15 May 1999.

4. An amount of $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $308,000 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, was initially appropriated by the General Assembly under its resolution 51/237 of 13 June 1997.

5. In the light of the expansion of the Mission's mandate, based on Security Council resolution 1138 (1997), a revised budget amounting to $22,282,100 gross ($20,998,100 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was submitted in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 March 1998 (A/52/772/Add.2). It provided for a total of 120 military observers, 2 civilian police, 71 international staff and 140 locally recruited staff. The revised budget did not, however, take into consideration the voluntary in-kind contribution, budgeted at $1,340,000, in respect of rations received for the disarmament and demobilization programme received from the Government of the United States of America.

6. However, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/52/817, para. 12), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated an amount of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237.

7. The adjusted apportionment of the amount provided for rations for the disarmament and demobilization programme in the amount of $1,340,000. However, an unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was subsequently provided by the Government of the United States, which offset this requirement.

II. Implementation of the budget

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2. Military contingents	48.5	-	11.8	36.7
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	7.6	-	7.6	-
(b) Death and disability compensation	32.8	-	32.8	-
Subtotal, line 3	40.4	-	40.4	-
Total, Category I	**1 937.7**	-	**1 875.5**	**62.2**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	14.9	-	10.8	4.1
2. International and local staff	4 498.8	-	3 974.8	524.0
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, Category II	**4 513.7**	-	**3 985.6**	**528.1**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	130.0	75.5	149.8	(19.8)
2. Infrastructure repairs	-	-	-	-
3. Transport operations	1 998.3	1 407.6	1 929.6	68.7
4. Air operations	1 798.3	-	1 388.6	409.7
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	1 118.8	494.4	945.6	173.2
7. Other equipment	544.2	432.1	519.3	24.9
8. Supplies and services	194.2	-	187.5	6.7
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	21.0	-	20.5	0.5
Subtotal, line 9	**21.0**	-	**20.5**	**0.5**
Total, Category III	**5 804.8**	**2 409.6**	**5 140.9**	**663.9**

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1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	57.7	-	57.4	0.3
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	1 713.1	1 746.2	2 028.9	(315.8)
Total, Category IV	**1 770.8**	**1 746.2**	**2 086.3**	**(315.5)**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	230.3	(230.3)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	308.0	-	308.0	-
VII. Staff assessment	665.0	-	305.0	360.0
Total, Categories I - VII	**15 000.0**	**4 155.8**	**13 931.6**	**1 068.4**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(665.0)	-	(305.0)	(360.0)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	(1 340.0) [a/]	-	(1 340.0) [a/]	-
Total, Categories VIII - IX	**(2 005.0)**	-	**(1 645.0)**	**(360.0)**
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Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $1,937,700; expenditure: $1,875,500; variance: $62,200

1. The unutilized balance of $62,200 under military observers ($25,500) and military contingents ($36,700) resulted from the lower than anticipated deployment of military observers and the non-procurement of contingency rations due to available inventory from the prior period respectively.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $4,513,700; expenditure: $3,985,600; variance: $528,100

2. The unutilized balance of $524,000 under international and local staff costs was due to the high vacancy rate throughout the period for both international and local staff. Delayed deployment of civilian staff during the expansion period in particular contributed to the high vacancy rate. As shown in table 2 of the main report and in annex III, almost full deployment was achieved during the period from 1 July to 15 November 1997 against the authorized 26 international staff and 40 local staff posts. However, during the expansion period, from 16 November 1997 onwards, there was an average vacancy rate of 52 per cent for international staff and 55 per cent for local staff against the authorized 71 international and 140 local level posts.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $5,804,800; expenditure: $5,140,900; variance: $663,900

3. The unutilized balance of $663,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $683,700 under transport operations ($68,700), air operations ($409,700), communications ($173,200), other equipment ($24,900), supplies and services ($6,700) and air and surface freight ($500), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $19,800 under premises/accommodation.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $130,000; expenditure: $149,800; variance: ($19,800)

4. Additional requirements of $19,800 under this heading resulted mainly from higher than anticipated requirements under alterations and renovations of premises and freight charges for the shipment of containers.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $1,998,300; expenditure: $1,929,600; variance: $68,700

5. The unutilized balance of $68,700 under this heading was mainly attributable to the savings under purchase of vehicles due to lower than budgeted unit costs of vehicles purchased (actual unit cost of $11,300 versus budgeted unit cost of $18,700), rental of vehicles, petrol, oil and lubricants and vehicle insurance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,798,300; expenditure: $1,388,600; variance: $409,700

6. The unutilized balance of $409,700 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $429,400 under helicopter operations ($210,200) and fixed-wing aircraft ($219,200), which were partially offset by increased requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance of $19,700.

7. The unutilized balance under helicopter operations is due to lower than anticipated flying hours, and the unutilized balance under fixed-wing aircraft is attributable to the late arrival of the aircraft (AN-26) in the mission area, which also resulted in lower than anticipated flying hours. Additional requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance were due to a higher than anticipated number of crew members (20 instead of 10).

Communications

Apportionment: $1,118,800; expenditure: $945,60; variance: $173,200

8. The unutilized balance of $173,200 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $247,500 under commercial communications, which were offset in part by additional requirements of $74,300 under communications equipment ($14,200), spare parts and supplies ($53,700) and workshop and test equipment ($6,400).

9. The unutilized balance under commercial communications was attributable to the non-operation of some team sites for security reasons and delayed deployment of additional staff.

10. Additional requirements under communication equipment were due to the purchase of additional equipment (INMARSAT Mini-M, GP 300, telephone sets), which was not foreseen in the revised budget for the expansion of the Mission, while additional requirements under spare parts and supplies and workshop and test equipment were due to higher than anticipated freight charges.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $544,200; expenditure: $519,300; variance: $24,900

11. The unutilized balance of $24,900 was mainly attributable to the transfer of various items of data-processing equipment from the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) and other items of miscellaneous equipment which were also made available from UNTAES and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

12. The unutilized balance was offset in part by additional requirements under items such as office furniture, petrol tank plus metering equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $194,200; expenditure: $187,500; variance: $6,700

13. The unutilized balance totalling $6,700 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services ($6,900), and was partially offset by additional requirements totalling $200 under miscellaneous supplies.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $1,770,800; expenditure: $2,086,300; variance: ($315,500)

14. The additional requirements of $315,500 were attributable mainly to additional expenditures incurred under the assistance and demobilization programme. Provision of $1,713,100 had been made for rations and miscellaneous services under assistance for disarmament and demobilization for former combatants of the United Tajik Opposition (UTO) and for personnel of the Joint Security Unit, composed of 120 soldiers each from the Government of Tajikistan and UTO. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was made by the Government of the United States of America for the former UTO combatants only, which offset the budgetary provision for this purpose of $1,340,000. However, expenditures were incurred for rations for the personnel of the Joint Security Unit and for other miscellaneous services, including the cost of transporting the donated rations, for which no budgetary provision had been made, resulting in additional requirements of $315,500.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $230,300; variance: ($230,300)

15. The expenditure of $230,300 represents the Mission's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $665,000; expenditure: $305,000; variance: $360,000

16. The unutilized balance was due to delayed deployment of staff.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($665,000); expenditure: ($305,000); variance: ($360,000)

17. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 16).

Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)

Apportionment: ($1,340,000); expenditure: ($1,340,000); variance: none

18. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was donated by the Government of the United States for the former UTO combatants, which offset the budgeted provision.

Annex III

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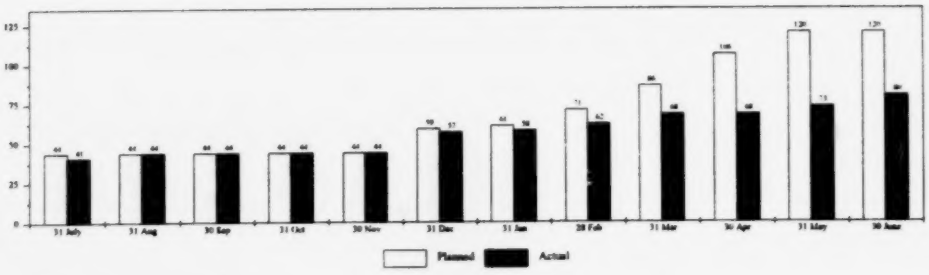

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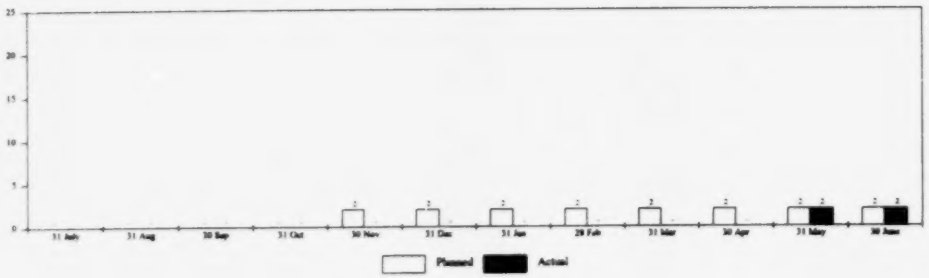

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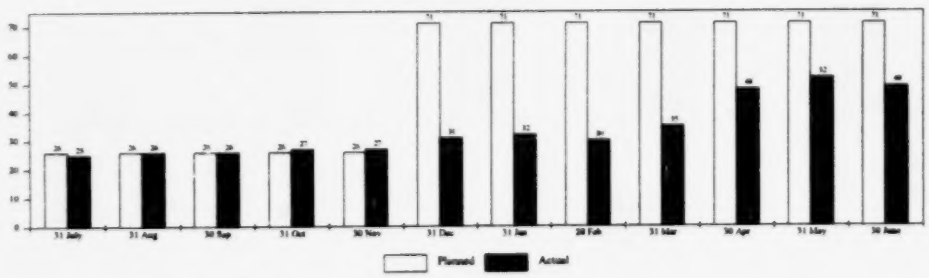

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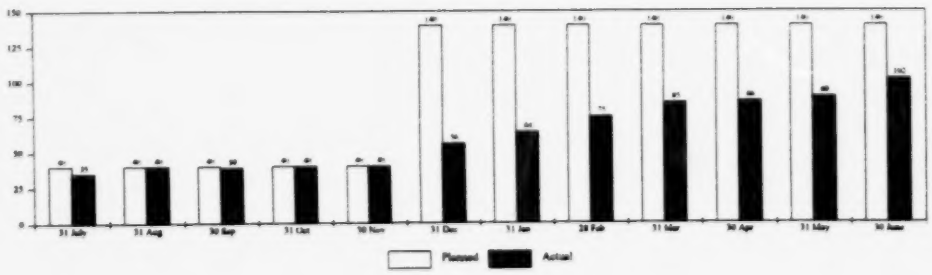

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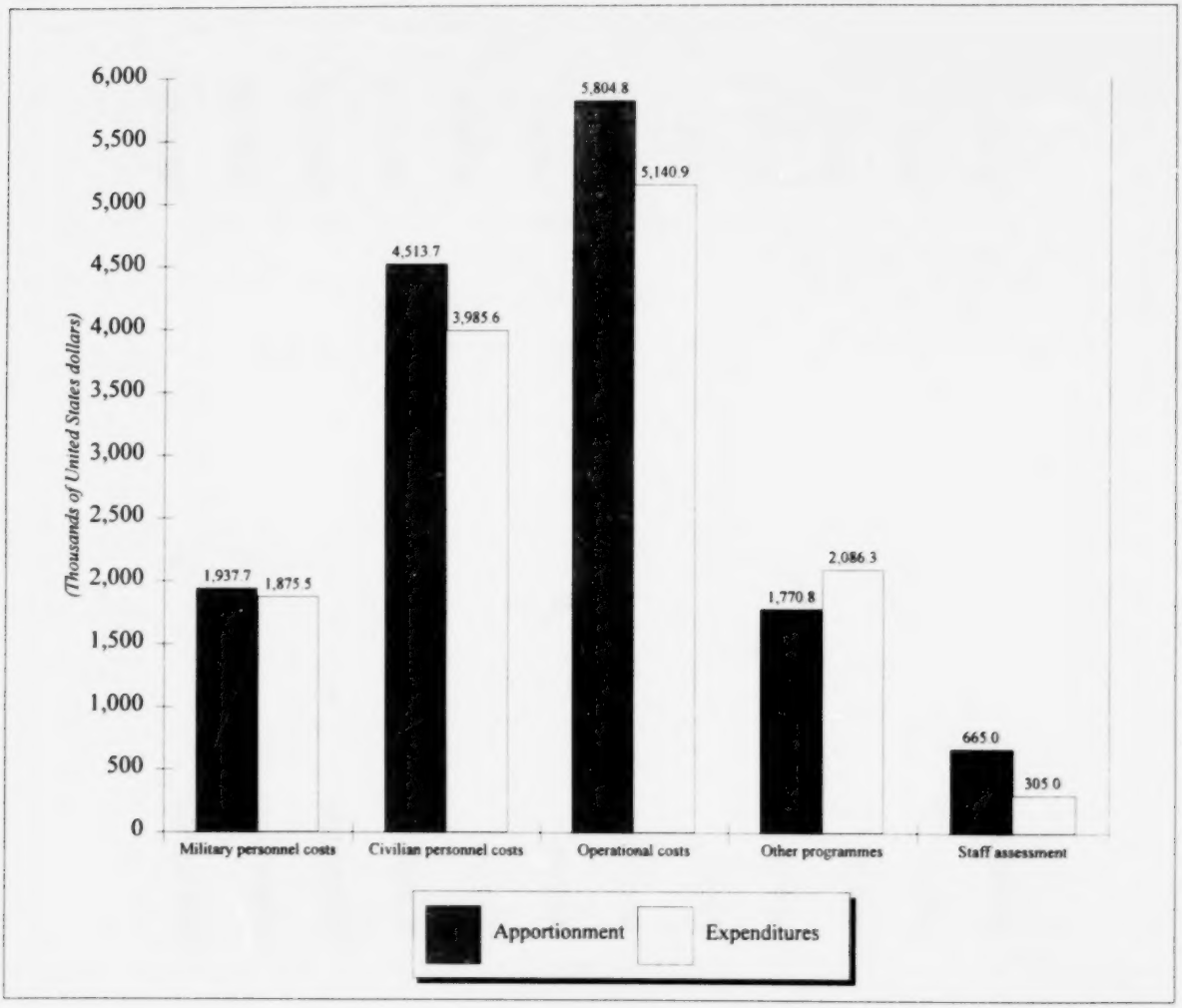

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Summary

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) was established by the Security Council in its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994 for a period of up to six months, subject to the proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the parties agreed to extend the Agreement on a Temporary Ceasefire and the Cessation of Other Hostile Acts on the Tajik-Afghan Border and within the Country for the Duration of the Talks of 17 September 1994 (S/1994/1102, annex I) and that they remained committed to an effective ceasefire, to national reconciliation and to the promotion of democracy.

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6. However, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/52/817, para. 12), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/229 A of 31 March 1998, appropriated an amount of $15,000,000 gross ($14,335,000 net) for the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, including $8,275,700 gross ($7,721,300 net) already appropriated under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/237.

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I.	**Military personnel costs**				
1	Military observers	1 848.8	—	1 823.3	25.5
2	Military contingents	48.5	—	11.8	36.7
3	Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
	(a) Contingent-owned equipment	7.6	—	7.6	—
	(b) Death and disability compensation	32.8	—	32.8	—
	Subtotal, line 3	**40.4**	**—**	**40.4**	**—**
	Total, Category I	**1 937.7**	**—**	**1 875.5**	**62.2**
II.	**Civilian personnel costs**				
1	Civilian police	14.9	—	10.8	4.1
2	International and local staff	4 498.8	—	3 974.8	524.0
3	International contractual personnel	—	—	—	—
4	United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—
5	Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
6	Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
	Total, Category II	**4 513.7**	**—**	**3 985.6**	**528.1**
III.	**Operational costs**				
1	Premises/accommodation	130.0	75.5	149.8	(19.8)
2	Infrastructure repairs	—	—	—	—
3	Transport operations	1 998.3	1 407.6	1 929.6	68.7
4	Air operations	1 798.3	—	1 388.6	409.7
5	Naval operations	—	—	—	—
6	Communications	1 118.8	494.4	945.6	173.2
7	Other equipment	544.2	432.1	519.3	24.9
8	Supplies and services	194.2	—	187.5	6.7
9	Air and surface freight				
	(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	—	—	—	—

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
		Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
	(b) Commercial freight and cartage	21.0	—	20.5	0.5
	Subtotal, line 9	**21.0**	**—**	**20.5**	**0.5**
	Total, Category III	**5 804.8**	**2 409.6**	**5 140.9**	**663.9**
IV.	**Other programmes**				
	1. Election-related supplies and services	—	—	—	—
	2. Public information programmes	57.7	—	57.4	0.3
	3. Training programmes	—	—	—	—
	4. Mine-clearing programmes	—	—	—	—
	5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	3 053.1[a]	1 746.2	2 028.9	1 024.2
	Total, Category IV	**3 110.8**	**1 746.2**	**2 086.3**	**1 024.5**
V.	**United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi**	**—**	**—**	**230.3**	**(230.3)**
VI.	**Support account for peacekeeping operations**	**308.0**	**—**	**308.0**	**—**
VII.	**Staff assessment**	**665.0**	**—**	**305.0**	**360.0**
	Total, Categories I–VII	**16 340.0**	**4 155.8**	**13 931.6**	**2 408.4**
VIII.	**Income from staff assessment**	**(665.0)**	**—**	**(305.0)**	**(360.0)**
IX.	**Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)**	**(1 340.0)[b]**	**—**	**(1 340.0)[b]**	**—**
	Total, Categories VIII–IX	**(2 005.0)**	**—**	**(1 645.0)**	**(360.0)**
	Gross requirements	**15 000.0**	**4 155.8**	**12 591.6**	**2 408.4**
	Net requirements	**14 335.0**	**4 155.8**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**
X.	**Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**
	TOTAL RESOURCES	**14 335.0**	**4 155.8**	**12 286.6**	**2 048.4**

[a] Inclusive of $1,340,000 budgeted voluntary contributions in kind.

[b] While the total value of the voluntary contributions was estimated at $1,680,000, only the apportioned amount of $1,340,000 is recorded.

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $1,937,700; expenditure: $1,875,500; variance: $62,200

1. The unutilized balance of $62,200 under military observers ($25,500) and military contingents ($36,700) resulted from the lower than anticipated deployment of military observers and the non-procurement of contingency rations due to available inventory from the prior period respectively.

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $4,513,700; expenditure: $3,985,600; variance: $528,100

2. The unutilized balance of $524,000 under international and local staff costs was due to the high vacancy rate throughout the period for both international and local staff. Delayed deployment of civilian staff during the expansion period in particular contributed to the high vacancy rate. As shown in table 2 of the main report and in annex III, almost full deployment was achieved during the period from 1 July to 15 November 1997 against the authorized 26 international staff and 40 local staff posts. However, during the expansion period, from 16 November 1997 onwards, there was an average vacancy rate of 52 per cent for international staff and 55 per cent for local staff against the authorized 71 international and 140 local level posts.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $5,804,800; expenditure: $5,140,900; variance: $663,900

3. The unutilized balance of $663,900 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements totalling $683,700 under transport operations ($68,700), air operations ($409,700), communications ($173,200), other equipment ($24,900), supplies and services ($6,700) and air and surface freight ($500), which were offset in part by additional requirements totalling $19,800 under premises/accommodation.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $130,000; expenditure: $149,800; variance: ($19,800)

4. Additional requirements of $19,800 under this heading resulted mainly from higher than anticipated requirements under alterations and renovations of premises and freight charges for the shipment of containers.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $1,998,300; expenditure: $1,929,600; variance: $68,700

5. The unutilized balance of $68,700 under this heading was mainly attributable to the savings under purchase of vehicles due to lower than budgeted unit costs of vehicles purchased (actual unit cost of $11,300 versus budgeted unit cost of $18,700), rental of vehicles, petrol, oil and lubricants and vehicle insurance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,798,300; expenditure: $1,388,600; variance: $409,700

6. The unutilized balance of $409,700 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $429,400 under helicopter operations ($210,200) and fixed-wing aircraft ($219,200), which were partially offset by increased requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance of $19,700.

7. The unutilized balance under helicopter operations is due to lower than anticipated flying hours, and the unutilized balance under fixed-wing aircraft is attributable to the late arrival of the aircraft (AN-26) in the mission area, which also resulted in lower than anticipated flying hours. Additional requirements under aircrew subsistence allowance were due to a higher than anticipated number of crew members (20 instead of 10).

Communications

Apportionment: $1,118,800; expenditure: $945,60; variance: $173,200

8. The unutilized balance of $173,200 resulted from reduced requirements totalling $247,500 under commercial communications, which were offset in part by additional requirements of $74,300 under communications equipment ($14,200), spare parts and supplies ($53,700) and workshop and test equipment ($6,400).

9. The unutilized balance under commercial communications was attributable to the non-operation of some team sites for security reasons and delayed deployment of additional staff.

10. Additional requirements under communication equipment were due to the purchase of additional equipment (INMARSAT Mini-M, GP 300, telephone sets), which was not foreseen in the revised budget for the expansion of the Mission, while additional requirements under spare parts and supplies and workshop and test equipment were due to higher than anticipated freight charges.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $544,200; expenditure: $519,300; variance: $24,900

11. The unutilized balance of $24,900 was mainly attributable to the transfer of various items of data-processing equipment from the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) and other items of miscellaneous equipment which were also made available from UNTAES and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

12. The unutilized balance was offset in part by additional requirements under items such as office furniture, petrol tank plus metering equipment and spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $194,200; expenditure: $187,500; variance: $6,700

13. The unutilized balance totalling $6,700 was attributable to reduced requirements under miscellaneous services ($6,900), and was partially offset by additional requirements totalling $200 under miscellaneous supplies.

Other programmes

Apportionment: $3,110,800; expenditure: $2,086,300; variance: $1,024,500

14. The unutilized balance of $1,024,500 was mainly attributable to voluntary contributions in kind made available under the assistance for disarmament and demobilization programme. Provision of $1,713,100 had been made for rations and miscellaneous services under assistance for disarmament and demobilization for former combatants of the United Tajik Opposition (UTO) and for personnel of the Joint Security Unit, composed of 120 soldiers each from the Government of Tajikistan and UTO. The savings were due to the subsequent receipt of a voluntary in-kind contribution of rations from the Government of the United States of America for the former UTO combatants. Expenditures incurred covered rations requirements of the personnel of the Joint Security Unit and for other miscellaneous services, including the cost of transporting the donated rations, for which no budgetary provision had been made.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $230,300; variance: ($230,300)

15. The expenditure of $230,300 represents the Mission's prorated share of the cost of maintaining the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the reporting period, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $665,000; expenditure: $305,000; variance: $360,000

16. The unutilized balance was due to delayed deployment of staff.

Income from staff assessment

Apportionment: ($665,000); expenditure: ($305,000); variance: ($360,000)

17. This amount was derived from staff assessment (see para. 16).

Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)

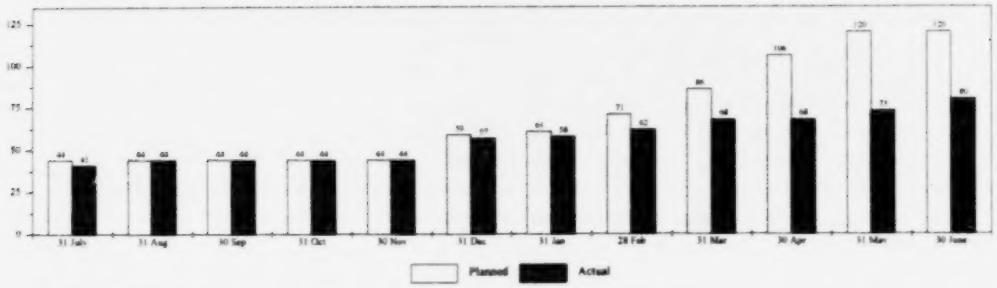
Apportionment: ($1,340,000); expenditure: ($1,340,000); variance: none

18. An unanticipated voluntary in-kind contribution of rations was donated by the Government of the United States for the former UTO combatants, which offset the budgeted provision.

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



[a] Based on the phasing-in plan.

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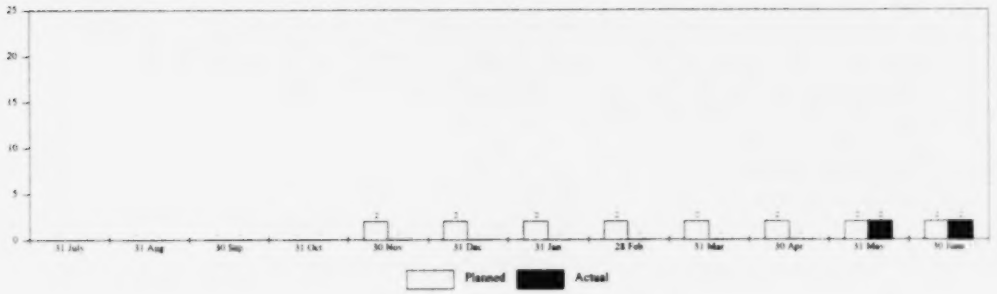

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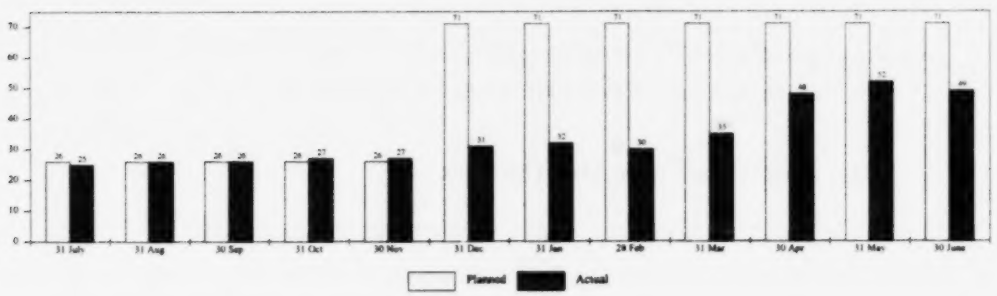

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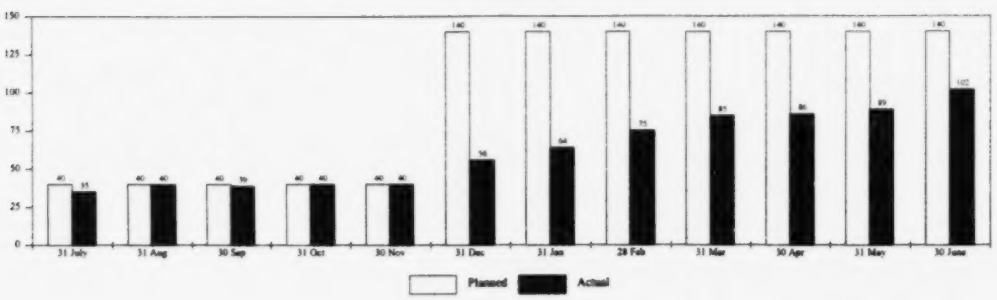

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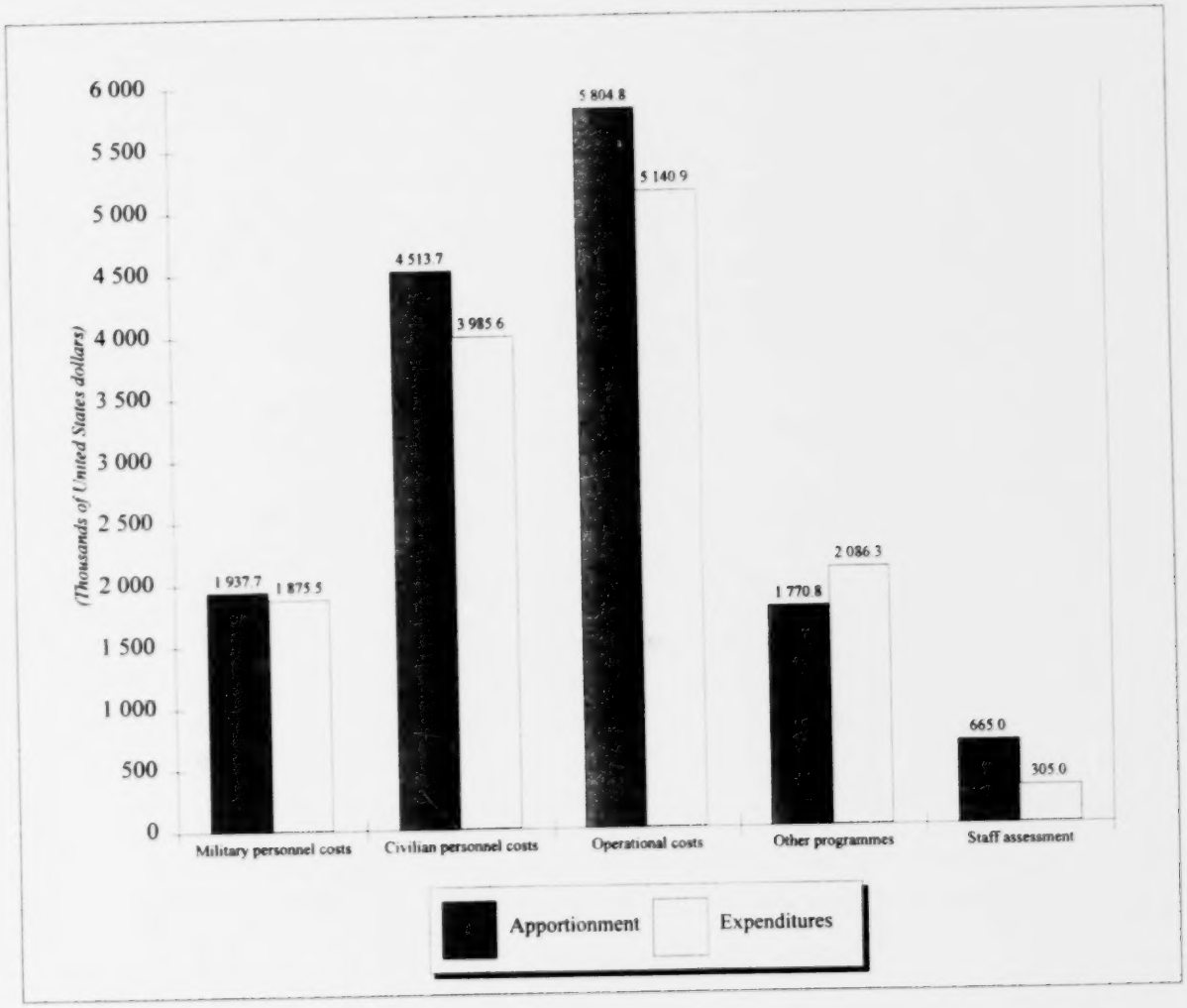
Apportionment and expenditures for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998



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Letter dated 8 January 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to our recent letter concerning the Israeli attack on an area near the village of Nahlah on 3 January 1999 (A/53/777-S/1999/6), I have to communicate to you hereunder particulars of fresh Israeli aggression, this time against the villages of Arnun and Shab'a.

In the early morning of 7 January 1999 Israeli occupying forces destroyed at least 14 homes in Arnun, near Qal'at at-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort), 10 days after destroying six homes in the same township. Within hours of this outrage they carried out a large-scale raid on the beleaguered village of Shab'a in the Arqub and expelled 25 residents, including 16 children.

These fresh acts of aggression illustrate yet again Israel's contempt for international law, the safety of defenceless civilians and human rights.

The Lebanese Government, again expressing its condemnation and deprecation of these open assaults on its sovereignty and of the abusive practices inflicted on its citizens, urges the international community to take the necessary steps to halt Israeli attacks on Lebanon, to bring an end to the intimidation of its innocent inhabitants by the aggressor and occupier and to ensure that those expelled can return to their homes.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir MOUBARAK
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Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/154 B of 13 June 1997, appropriated an amount of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the same period.

Expenditures for the period totalled $39,611,000 gross ($38,659,100 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted from lower operational requirements and vacancies in military and civilian personnel staffing in view of the expected liquidation of the Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Force is a decision on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 795 (1992) of 11 December 1992, the Security Council authorized the deployment of a United Nations presence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. By its resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP).

2. The initial budget for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 15 January 1997 (A/51/508/Add.1) and amounted to $44,298,000 gross ($42,760,800 net). The budget provided for a reduced military strength of 750 troops pursuant to Security Council resolution 1082 (1996) of 27 November 1996.

3. In its resolution 1105 (1997) of 9 April 1997, however, the Security Council decided to suspend the reduction of the military component of UNPREDEP in the light of the situation in the region. The Secretary-General subsequently submitted a revised budget for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (A/51/508/Add.3), estimated at $49,474,800 gross ($47,937,600 net), which provided for the retention of the Force's military strength of 1,050 troops. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 15 of its report of 28 May 1997 (A/51/910), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate $44.6 million gross for the period.

4. The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/154 B of 13 June 1997, appropriated the amount of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of $1,906,700 for the support account for peacekeeping operations.

II. Implementation of the budget

5. Information on the operations of UNPREDEP and on the situation on the ground during the reporting period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 11 August 1997 (S/1997/631), 20 November 1997 (S/1997/911) and 1 June 1998 (S/1998/454 and Corr.1).

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, the original UNPREDEP budget covering the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 was based on a strength of 750 troops. However, following the decision of the Security Council in its resolution 1105 (1997) to suspend the reduction of the military component of the Force, the budget was revised to provide for the maintenance of UNPREDEP at its full strength of 1,050 troops. The Council subsequently decided, by its resolution 1110 (1997) of 28 May 1997, to start on 1 October 1997 a two-month phased reduction of the military component from 1,050 to 750 troops. By its resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997, the Council further decided to extend the mandate of the Force for a final period ending on 31 August 1998, with the withdrawal of the military component immediately thereafter.

7. The above-mentioned developments affected the implementation of the UNPREDEP budget during the period under review, particularly the decision taken midway through the fiscal period to terminate the mission. Vacant posts for international and local staff were not filled in view of the projected liquidation of the mission. This resulted in an average vacancy rate of 17.1 per cent for international staff and 15.7 per cent for local staff. The

vacancy rate for the military component averaged 1.5 per cent. In addition, a number of planned projects were not undertaken, resulting in savings under premises, equipment, public information and training.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

8. As indicated in table 1 below, from the appropriation of $46,506,700 gross ($44,969,500 net) for the maintenance of UNPREDEP for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, expenditures amounted to $39,611,000 gross ($38,659,100 net), inclusive of $14,476,300 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 15 per cent of the amount appropriated. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item, and supplementary information on significant variances is presented in annex II. Annex IV contains a chart showing apportionment and expenditures by the main budget groups.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel costs	20 471.3	20 248.5	222.8
Civilian personnel costs	10 266.0	8 080.7	2 185.3
Operational costs	12 165.0	7 696.9	4 468.1
Other programmes	160.5	76.3	84.2
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	0.0	650.0	(650.0)
Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 906.7	1 906.7	0.0
Staff assessment	1 537.2	951.9	585.3
Total	**46 506.7**	**39 611.0**	**6 895.7**
Income from staff assessment	(1 537.2)	(951.9)	(585.3)
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net requirements	**44 969.5**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total resources	**44 969.5**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**

[a] Inclusive of $14,476,300 in unliquidated obligations.

9. Information on the deployment of military and civilian personnel during the reporting period is presented in table 2 and in annexes II and III.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	35	35	—
Military contingents	875[a]	862	1.5
Civilian police	26	26	—
International staff	76	63	17.1
Local staff	127	107	15.7

[a] Based on 1,050 troops from 1 July to 30 November 1997 and 750 troops from 1 December 1997 to 30 June 1998.

IV. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

10. The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNPREDEP is to decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross ($6,310,400 net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
I. Military personnel costs				
1. Military observers	1 306.3	-	1 291.4	14.9
2. Military contingents	15 262.2	-	15 054.3	207.9
3. Other costs pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	3 538.4	-	3 538.4	-
(b) Death and disability compensation	364.4	-	364.4	-
Subtotal, line 3	3 902.8	-	3 902.8	-
Total, category I	**20 471.3**	-	**20 248.5**	**222.8**
II. Civilian personnel costs				
1. Civilian police	971.9	-	908.2	63.7
2. International and local staff	9 294.1	-	7 172.5	2 121.6
3. International contractual personnel	-	-	-	-
4. United Nations Volunteers	-	-	-	-
5. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
6. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**10 266.0**	-	**8 080.7**	**2 185.3**
III. Operational costs				
1. Premises/accommodation	2 152.4	27.0	1 223.8	928.6
2. Infrastructure repairs	180.0	-	201.5	(21.5)
3. Transport operations	3 719.9	429.6	2 939.2	780.7
4. Air operations	1 450.5	-	1 270.2	180.3
5. Naval operations	-	-	-	-
6. Communications	1 405.5	1.9	728.1	677.4
7. Other equipment	364.7	60.2	178.5	186.2
8. Supplies and services	1 596.3	-	828.2	768.1
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	700.8	-	-	700.8
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	594.9	-	327.4	267.5
Subtotal, line 9	**1 295.7**	-	**327.4**	**968.3**
Total, category III	**12 165.0**	**518.7**	**7 696.9**	**4 468.1**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1-3)
	Apportionment	*Non-recurrent expenditures*	*Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*Variance*
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	120.5	-	73.9	46.6
3. Training programmes	40.0	-	2.4	37.6
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**160.5**	**-**	**76.3**	**84.2**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	-	-	650.0	(650.0)
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	1 906.7	-	1 906.7	-
VII. Staff assessment	1 537.2	-	951.9	585.3
Total, categories I–VII	**46 506.7**	**518.7**	**39 611.0**	**6 895.7**
VIII. Income from staff assessment	(1 537.2)	-	(951.9)	(585.3)
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total, categories VIII–IX	**(1 537.2)**	**-**	**(951.9)**	**(585.3)**
Gross requirements	46 506.7	518.7	39 611.0	6 895.7
Net requirements	44 969.5	518.7	38 659.1	6 310.4
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total resources	**44 969.5**	**518.7**	**38 659.1**	**6 310.4**

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel costs

Apportionment: $20,471,300; expenditure: $20,248,500; variance: $222,800

1. The unutilized balance of $222,800 under military observers ($14,900) and military contingents ($207,900) resulted primarily from the fact that one contingent did not claim daily allowance or reimbursement for rotation travel. These savings were partially offset by additional requirements for troop costs and rations. The apportionment provided for an average strength of 850 troops, whereas the actual strength averaged 862 troops. The additional requirements for rations were needed to settle prior period invoices ($180,000), since they had been put on hold pending clarification from the supplier, and to provide for the higher than projected number of troops in the mission area ($58,500).

Civilian personnel costs

Apportionment: $10,266,000; expenditure: $8,080,700; variance: $2,185,300

2. The unutilized balance of $2,185,300 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements for civilian police ($63,700) and for international and local staff ($2,121,600).

3. The unutilized balance of $2,121,600 under international and local staff resulted from the average monthly vacancy rate of 17.1 per cent for international staff and 15.7 per cent for local staff during the reporting period. In view of the anticipated termination of the mission pursuant to Security Council resolution 1142 (1997) of 4 December 1997, vacant posts were not filled, resulting in savings for salaries, common staff costs and mission subsistence allowance.

Operational costs

Apportionment: $12,165,000; expenditure: $7,696,900; variance: $4,468,100

4. The unutilized balance of $4,468,100 under operational costs resulted from reduced requirements totalling $4,489,600 under premises/accommodation ($928,600), transport operations ($780,700), air operations ($180,300), communications ($677,400), other equipment ($186,200), supplies and services ($768,100) and air and surface freight ($968,300). These savings were partially offset by additional requirements of $21,500 under infrastructure repairs.

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $2,152,400; expenditure: $1,223,800; variance: $928,600

5. The unutilized balance under this heading resulted primarily from utilization of surplus stocks of maintenance supplies from closed missions and lower requirements due to expected liquidation of the Force as well as lower requirements for utilities. This was due to two factors: (a) the closure of Kumanovo base camp and observation posts and (b) no increase in electricity costs during the period under review.

Transport operations

Apportionment: $3,719,900; expenditure: $2,939,200; variance: $780,700

6. The unutilized balance under this heading resulted from savings related to purchase of vehicles, spare parts, repairs and maintenance and petrol, oil and lubricants. Twenty-nine jeeps and seven sedans were purchased through a global purchase order at lower unit costs than budgeted. Additional savings were attributable to the availability of spare parts from surplus stock, the implementation of cost-saving measures on the use of petrol, including fuel monitoring, and the downsizing of the mission.

Air operations

Apportionment: $1,450,500; expenditure: $1,270,200; variance: $180,300

7. The unutilized balance of $180,300 under air operations resulted from reduced requirements under helicopter operations ($164,200), aircrew subsistence allowance ($9,500) and other air operations costs ($6,600).

8. The unutilized resources of $164,200 under helicopter operations resulted from 330 less flying hours utilized, due to the downsizing of the Force.

Communications

Apportionment: $1,405,500; expenditure: $728,100; variance: $677,400

9. The unutilized resources of $677,400 under communications were realized under spare parts and supplies, since only emergency supplies were procured in view of the planned liquidation of the Force. Moreover, implementation of a preventive maintenance programme reduced the need for those items. Savings were also realized under commercial communications, partly as a result of strict control over telephone use.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $364,700; expenditure: $178,500; variance: $186,200

10. The unutilized resources of $186,200 under other equipment resulted from lower costs of spare parts for generators received from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, the transfer of 33 refrigerators and 2 fuel pumps from surplus stock and the suspension of fuel station and field defence equipment projects as a result of the expected liquidation of the mission.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $1,596,300; expenditure: $828,200; variance: $768,100

11. The unutilized balance of $322,600 under miscellaneous services and $445,500 under miscellaneous supplies was attributable to the following factors: (a) the provision of laundry and dry cleaning services by two contingents under self-sustainment arrangements, the cost of which is reflected under contingent-owned equipment; (b) the availability of supplies from surplus stock; (c) the donation of medical supplies by the Government of Germany; and (d) overall reduced requirements due to the downsizing of the mission.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $1,295,700; expenditure: $327,400; variance: $968,300

12. Following the repatriation of 300 troops during this period, one contingent also repatriated a large quantity of its equipment, including 15 armoured personnel carriers, 45 per cent of its utility trucks and 21 per cent of its utility jeeps. The United Nations has not yet been informed by the Government concerned if it intends to seek reimbursement for the cost of transporting those items. There were also lower requirements for commercial freight and cartage as a result of the reduction in strength and curtailment of activities in view of the anticipated liquidation.

United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

Apportionment: none; expenditure: $650,000; variance: ($650,000)

13. Pursuant to section I, paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 52/1 A of 15 October 1997, an amount of $650,000, representing the ad hoc prorated share of UNPREDEP for the financing of the Logistics Base, was provided during the reporting period.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $1,537,200; expenditure: $951,900; variance: $585,300

14. The unutilized balance of $585,300 under the above heading was due to vacancy rates of 17.1 and 15.7 per cent for international and local staff respectively during the period.

Income from staff assessment

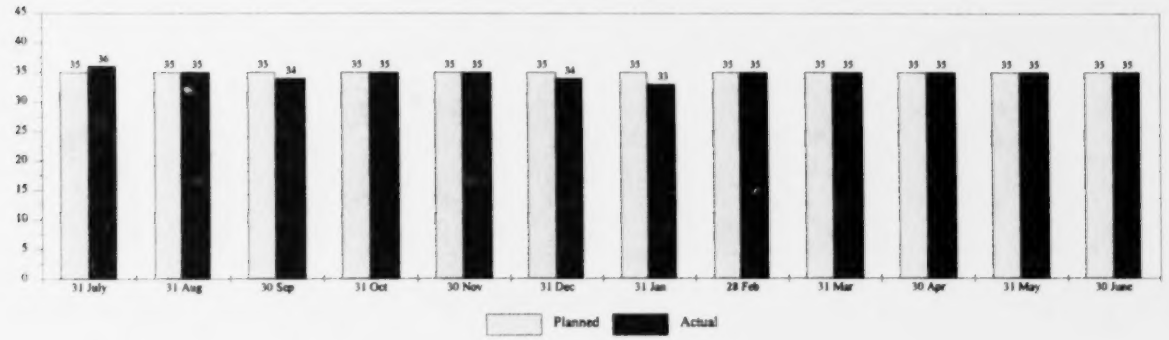
Apportionment: ($1,537,200); expenditure: ($951,900); variance: ($585,300)

15. This amount is derived from staff assessment (see para. 14 above).

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

1. Military observers



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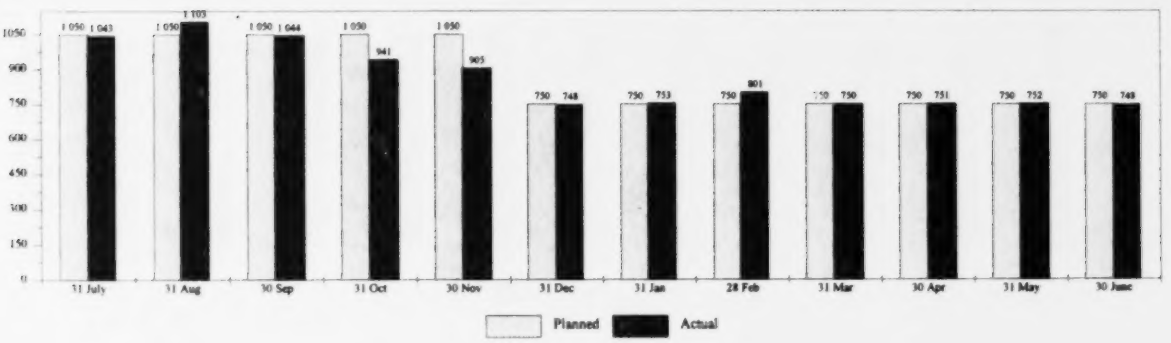

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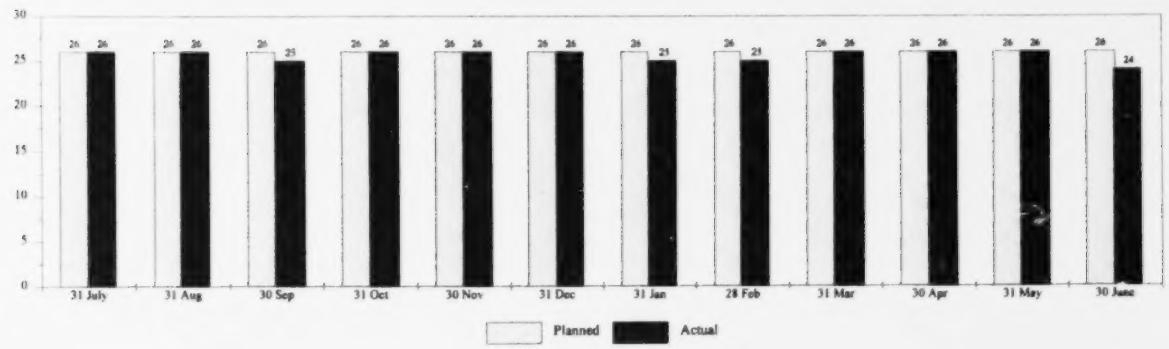

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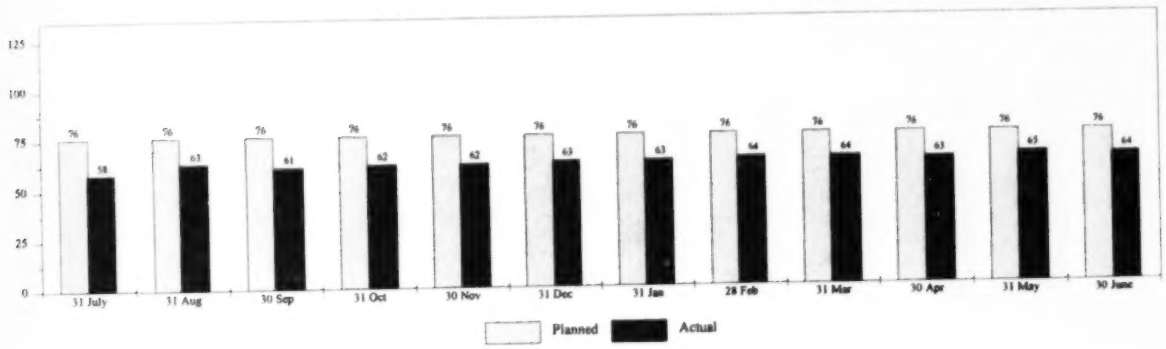
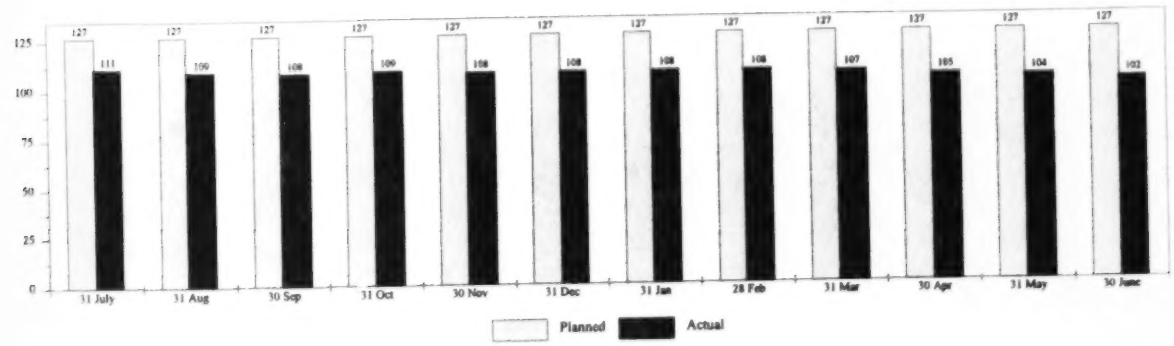


5. Local staff



Annex IV

Apportionment and expenditures for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998